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Linda's Keyboard

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. . . . Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God" (Psalm 42 NRSV).

Our hymnal is full of songs I love to sing, especially when I can sing with the congregation. Because Psalm 42 is one of my favorite Psalms, I gravitate towards #626 in Glory to God, the Presbyterian hymnal. It flows along melodically like the stream of living water. With a pulse that tends toward weight on the first beat of a measure accents fall on the important words: soul, you [God], heart's, long, strength, spirit.

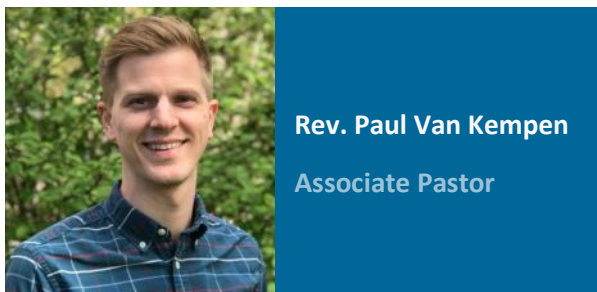
"You" referring to God is sung seven times over. It becomes very prayerful by the end when the final longing is to "worship you." Although it does not follow the wording of the original Psalm, it certainly brings out the meaning of the Psalmist. In the style of a chorus alone rather than a full-blown hymn with stanzas and chorus, it is easy to remember and to keep in my heart.

I find comfort in this Psalm and would like to hear what songs, hymns, Psalms bring you joy or comfort or energy. We are beginning a summer sermon series and request that you follow the link in the eWeekly that invites you to share something about your favorite hymn. You will have an opportunity to be part of the sermon the week your song is chosen. Paul and I will preach also, and any guest preacher will be asked to stay with the series on Favorite Hymns. Thank you for joining us in testimony to the glory of God.

PNC (pastor nominating committee) process update: You have heard that we are searching for a group of people interested in updating our mission for the future. Lauren Stouffer, an elder and member of the congregational nominating committee, is soliciting a small group of folks to assist in reviewing some of the past work done on mission statements, strategic plans, and previous pastoral searches. This is background work for the PNC to use as they compile the Ministry Information Form that is placed online with the PC(USA) search service.

It is my goal that after our congregational meeting on May 16 fills the openings in our elders, our deacons, and the congregational nominating

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Rev. Paul Van Kempen

Associate Pastor

Peace Camp 2021

One thing that West Michigan has no shortage of is Vacation Bible Schools. I have helped lead many of them over the years (when I was in 6th grade, I led the music at my home church's VBS). There are families who send their kids to a different VBS each week as a form of free childcare. When you attend a lot of VBSs or help lead them you realize that they are all pretty similar.

But, as you know, we do things a little differently at FPC! Instead of running a VBS, we run Peace Camp. In many ways it looks like VBS (we sing songs, we make crafts, we play games, we need tons of volunteers) but at its core, it is very different!



I am really excited to run Peace Camp this year, and I hope you are excited to be part of it (either as a camper or as a volunteer).

If you are ready to sign up as a camper, please use the link below. And feel free (you're encouraged actually) to share this form with family and friends who might want to participate in Peace Camp this summer!

CAMPER FORM click [HERE](#)

Peace Camp teaches the campers (and the leaders) to seek peace in our own minds and bodies and to seek peace for our community and our world. These are not abstract ideas; Peace Camp teaches real strategies for seeking peace in the world. After a week of Peace Camp, campers have new ideas of what peace can be and how they can be agents for peace in the world.

The theme for peace camp this year is "Paths Toward Peace." We came up with this idea as we thought about the labyrinth in the lower level of the church. (We hope to be able to use the labyrinth in the lower level of the church, but if not, we'll draw one in the parking lot!) We'll look at paths to inner peace, relational peace and global peace, giving tools and techniques as we work toward realizing peace in the world.



WHEN:	August 9-13, 2021 9:00a - 11:45 each day
WHERE:	First Presbyterian Church, Holland
WHO:	Campers: Kids entering grades 1-6
Teen Leaders:	Teens entering grades 7-12
Volunteers:	You!



Lori Klienesteker

Children's
Ministry Leader

Worship Center: Keeping In Touch

~ Written by Lauren Stouffer

This month we wrap up our Worship Center stories for the school year. If you have missed any of the stories, they remain available to watch online. As we begin our summer outdoor worship services, we will have a cart of supplies with activities for kids to do during the service and invite kids to stay with their parents and play or draw. Depending on interest and need, we may put together a rotation of vaccinated adults to supervise preschool through 5th graders on the playground during the sermon.



who work with children and youth in the nursery, Worship Center, youth group, and as mentors are required to participate in one of these trainings and to complete a background check (forms will be available prior to the training sessions). We are excited to welcome Amy Dalman from Children's Advocacy Center as our guest for these online sessions.

Our kids had a great time at the Easter Egg hunt on April 3! Below are some pictures of their day.

As we look forward to more in-person outdoor worship and anticipate an eventual return to our usual church gatherings, we will offer 2 online Child and Youth Safety Protection sessions to train adults who might work with children in our church over the next year. Training will take place on Zoom on Wednesday, May 19 from 6:30-7:30p and Sunday, May 23 from 1:30-2:30p. All those





Presbyterian Women

It is May 2021, and Lesson 9 will conclude a really challenging and interesting year of Bible study. Is this really THE END OF LAMENT? The original artwork by the author has her ancient two-handed vessel used as Loutrophoros, but pouring the water of baptism, using ancient ginkgo leaves representing the water. We hope those who stayed with this study have learned that HOPE is a better association with lament than crying and sadness! A bit of Isaiah and Revelation will be interesting!

Bible study circles will meet the second week of **May**:

Lesson 9

MIRIAM - May 12, 2021 at 9:30a

Please contact Bev Plagenhof for location

HANNAH - May 13, 2021 by ZOOM at 1:30p

Please contact Janet Magennis for the Zoom link, 616-490-4989

Annual Meeting: If the COVID-19 wave of new cases goes back down in Michigan, we will get together for an outdoor catered picnic for June 16 at noon at Dutton Park on Holland's near north side. Rain date is June 17. Individual lunch boxes will be ordered and there will be a free will offering.

If you have not had occasion to fulfill your annual pledge to Presbyterian Women, your offering can be larger! RSVP to Janet at jmmagennis@yahoo.com by June 1 or with your Circle Leader. ***All are Welcome!***

The park has plenty of parking and is accessible. Wear a mask, please. Look for our banner!

~ Janet Magennis, Past Moderator

Both circles will gather in June for a catered picnic/
Annual Meeting.



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online: PresbyterianWomen.org / Facebook: Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA)

Mission and Outreach



ED AND NANCY HANENBURG
CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY CENTER
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The Children's Advocacy Center is a designated essential service, and the work we do does not stop. During the COVID-19 Pandemic high points of 2020, our case numbers decreased substantially. We believe this was directly related to the fact that children under lock down did not have access to their safe adults to disclose their abuse. Many of them are trapped in the home with their offenders throughout the duration of the pandemic.

However, when schools, churches, and athletics opened back up, we immediately saw an increase of almost 115% in forensic interview cases. We strongly believe this is linked to the access the children regained to their safe adults and were able to finally ask for help. Because of the pandemic:

- We now offer both telehealth and in-person counseling sessions.
- Kids Have Rights, Darkness to Light, and other prevention trainings can be held both in-person and virtually.
- Cora's Care Closet giving has helped staff create "Essential Care Boxes" in order to safely deliver essential goods to our clients and their families.

- The Development Team has had to cancel all three of our annual events for 2020 and restructure them for 2021. We are deeply relying on our community to ensure the sustainability of the free services we provide to our community's sexually abused children and non-offending family members.

Thank you FPC for your continued support of CAC. Check out our website for volunteer opportunities or if you want to donate items to Cora's Care Closet. We deeply appreciate our connection with First Presbyterian.

Andrea Torres, B.S.
Events & Volunteer Coordinator

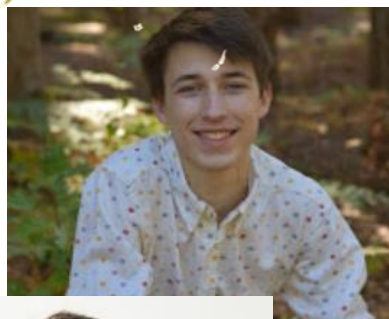
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CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



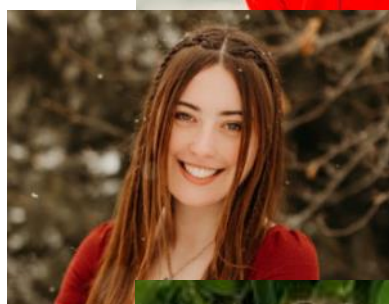
Jack Burkholder is graduating from West Ottawa High School. Jack has been involved in Men's Volleyball, and Cultural Technological Environmental Exchange and is a member of West Ottawa's Chamber Orchestra. Outside of school, Jack has been involved in dance and theatre at Avalon School of the Arts and is an accomplished tap dancer. Jack traveled to Europe in the summer of 2019 with the Blue Lake International Orchestra, touring and performing in France and Germany. He will be attending Michigan Technological University this fall, with an interest in studying Physics and Astronomy.



Eli Edwards-Parker will be graduating from Black River. He has been involved in jazz band at Black River and the FPC youth group. He plans to attend Hope College and major in math (and something else).



Kyle Magennis will be graduating from West Ottawa. He's been a leader in Scout Troop #147 and is working on his Eagle project at the Outdoor Discovery Center. Kyle is a member of the Competitive Varsity Dance Team and has been involved in Avalon School of the Arts as a tap and musical theater student. He plans to attend Michigan Technological University with a major in mechanical engineering. Kyle is a National Merit finalist.



Leah Perkins will be graduating from Grand Haven High School. Leah participated in playing volleyball for the school and for travel volleyball clubs. She enjoyed art classes making jewelry and ceramics and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she has been working part-time as a hostess at Fuel Restaurant in Spring Lake. Leah plans to take a gap year to figure out potential career paths and visit various college campuses to attend Fall of 2022.



COLLEGE

Abby Wallar is graduating from Hope College this spring with a B.A. in Art and minors in Art History and Engineering. She will be attending Penn State in the fall working towards her Masters of Architecture.

Mission and Outreach



Thanks to Chris Urbaniak for taking these photos of the walking group.



Linda's Keyboardcontinued from page 2

committee, we can begin the process of soliciting nominations for the PNC. That means a second congregational meeting will be held to elect the members of the PNC, most likely in June.

As the PNC is trained, the mission study committee will be completing their work and the PNC will take over and move the process ahead. Continue to hold this endeavor in your prayers.

Grace and Peace,
Linda

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

MAY

May 2 - Rev. Linda Male preach
Rev. Paul Van Kempen (communion)

May 9 - Rev. Linda Male preach

May 16 - Rev. Paul Van Kempen

May 23 - Rev. Linda Male preach
Rev. Paul Van Kempen (Day of Pentecost)

May 30 - Rev. Dr. Douglas Brouwer preach

JUNE

June 6 - Rev. Linda Male preach
Rev. Paul Van Kempen (communion)

June 13 - Rev. Paul Van Kempen preach

June 20 - Rev. Paul Van Kempen preach

June 27 - Rev. Linda Male preach

JULY

July 4 - Rev. Paul Van Kempen preach

July 11 - Rev. Paul Van Kempen preach

July 18 - Rev. Linda Male preach

July 25 - Rev. Linda Male preach

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CONNECT TOGETHER

Sunday Morning M&M Zoom Coffee Hour //

Beginning **May 2** the Zoom coffee hour will begin at 1:00p for a trial period. We hope many of you can make plans to connect with friends at outdoor worship. The church Zoom account is still available for you to use at anytime.

New Member Class // The New Member group meets again on **Monday, May 3**, at **2p** in the M&M Cafe. If you missed the first meeting, you are welcome to attend next Monday. Please let Rev. Linda Male know with a phone call (616-392-9022, X104) or email (pastor@fpcholland.org). Masks and distancing are being observed.

Congregational Meeting // Session is calling for a congregational meeting on **May 16** at **11a**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 1 elder, 1 deacon, and congregational nominating committee members.

The meeting will be held directly following outdoor worship. If you can not attend in person, you will be able to join the meeting via ZOOM. A link will be sent prior to the meeting. Please note the date on your calendars

Child and Youth Safety Protection

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Young Families

Young Families will gather on **Sunday, May 16** at Lakeview Park after the Sunday morning outdoor service. Bring your own picnic (there is plenty of space to spread out) and plan to wear masks while playing on the playground

Hymn Project // For our summer series in 2021 we'll be contemplating the favorite hymns of the congregation. We'll sing them, look at the lyrics, examine the scriptural basis, and celebrate the rich history of these hymns! If you would like to contribute the name of your favorite hymn and tell us why it's your favorite, fill out the form [HERE](#) or you can email Pastor Linda Male (pastor@fpcholland.org) or Pastor Paul Van Kempen (associatepastor@fpcholland.org) *Thanks for contributing!*

Deacon's Prayer Shawl Ministry // Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? The Deacons would like to invite you to use your skills to make prayer shawls for members of our church family (men and women) who are going through difficult times. Shawls are made with Lion Homespun yarn in any color. Patterns are available and the Deacons can also reimburse for yarn or provide yarn to use. We will collect the shawls and distribute them. Don't knit or crochet? You can still help by donating funds or Lion Homespun yarn (3 skeins is enough to make one shawl) or by letting us know when you hear of members in need of prayer and comfort so that we can give them a shawl. If you have any questions or want to help, email us at: Deacons@fpcholland.org



Let's Pray Together

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bill and Janet Haines grieving the recent loss of Janet's mother, June Wontorcik on April 23 in Midland, Michigan.

FOR FPC

- For caregivers of mature adults
- For college students and professors navigating Covid-19
- For First Presbyterian Preschool families and teachers
- For those struggling with mental illness

YOUTH@FIRST

- For our seniors as they prepare for graduation
- For our youth as they ask questions during confirmation curriculum
- For a Covid-safe environment for students, parents and educators

LONG-TERM CARE & ASSISTED LIVING

- JoAnn Karn - American House Bay Point
- Glenn Van Haitsma - Freedom Village
- Charles Huttar (father of Sarah Anderson) - Appledorn Living Center South
- Beau Bennett (son of Mary and Dick Bennett) - Medilodge of Holland
- Wiley Wilson - Appledorn Living Center South
- Lois Rust - Appledorn Living Center South
- Marilyn Chamberlain - Resthaven Maple Woods
- Lois Kane - Resthaven Maple Woods

IN PRAYERS

- Sheri Harris as she prepares for upcoming surgery
- JoAnn Karn who broke her leg and received a hip replacement. She is receiving rehabilitation at SKLD in Zeeland. Expressions of care may be sent to: 285 N State St., Zeeland, MI 49464
- Jan Petersen recovering at home with cardiac rehabilitation therapy
- Glenda Simpkins in rehabilitation at American House for further recovery from her broken arm. Expressions of care may be sent to: 11907 James St., Holland, MI 49424; cell phone: 616-610-1489.
- Christina, a family friend of Don and Bonnie Cowie who is receiving chemotherapy for stage 3 ovarian cancer
- Pat Smith's mother Sally recovering from a fall
- Dick Bennett who is recovering at home following surgery
- Stephanie Edwards who is receiving treatment for Ewings Sarcoma
- Dick Gebben (son of Linda Gebben) recent ALS diagnosis
- Eric Heller and his wife Megan as Eric receives treatment for prostate cancer which has spread to his bones
- Those struggling with addictions
- Those grieving with the loss of loved ones
- All people who are without a home

Prayer requests are shared in the **Member Area** on the church website: www.fpcholland.org/member-log-in. To maintain confidentiality, the Member Area, including the prayers, are password protected. The password is **Presby659**.

If you would like to submit a prayer request for publication on this list, please send it to office@fpcholland.org.

If you would like to share a confidential prayer request, please contact:
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