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## Congratulations 2022 Graduates!



### Noah Brown

Noah Brown is graduating from West Ottawa High School where he has been enrolled in the Dunes program this past year. Noah is very mechanically minded and has always enjoyed building structures and vehicles out of Legos. After graduation he plans to work as an apprentice with a local mason to use his knowledge and skills

in that area. One of his other interests includes robotics, and Noah has attended robotics camps and been involved in a local FIRST Robotics Competition team that designed, programmed, and built a robot starting with a standard kit of parts and common set of rules. Noah has been active in the FPC youth group and has volunteered several years for Peace Camp sponsored by our church. One of Noah's favorite places on earth is Camp Greenwood, which he has attended every summer since kindergarten. A favorite leisure time activity is taking the family dog, Charlie, to the dog park where they attract attention from other dogs romping in the park.

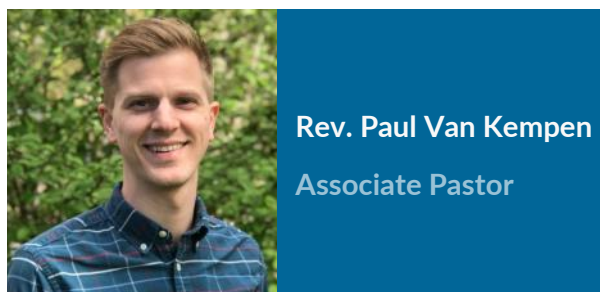


### Charlie DeWaard

My name is Charlie DeWaard and I am graduating from West Ottawa High School. During my High School career I participated heavily in math and science extracurriculars, was also involved in the theater as a backstage member and then in my senior year I was stage manager for the high school musical, high school play, and the middle school musical. I also have been

training to become a pilot for the past few months. In the fall I will be attending Western Michigan University where I will be studying Aviation Flight Science in order to become a pilot. I have also been accepted as an honors student at Western in the Lee Honors College. In my spare time this summer I will be either swimming, boating, or flying a plane in order to obtain my Private Pilot's License.





Rev. Paul Van Kempen

Associate Pastor

## Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates



**Nate Laux**

Hi! I'm Nate Laux. Most of you probably know me or have heard of me. My last official day at Holland High School was Monday, May 16, but my commencement isn't until the 24th. While I am glad to be done with high school, I am going to miss all of my teachers. I love and care greatly for my community, which is why I'm involved in the church. I don't know what my long-term plans are, but I'm looking forward to a lot of camping and mountain biking this summer, as well as a few amusement parks. I will be getting a job, because I need it to buy necessities, as well as the fun things. I am a dedicated roller coaster enthusiast,

so I will need money to get into amusement parks. I want to make sure I'm smart with my money, so I will be using a budget. I also love mountain biking, so if I want any upgrades to my bike, or a whole new bike, I will need money for that as well. As I stated earlier, I really care about my community and want to see it thrive, so I will do whatever I can to help make that happen. I also would like to say something to all of Gen Z. No generation has had more power and capability to change the world for the better than you. There are many things in this world that need to be changed, and you can make those changes. Together, we can rise up and change the world, so that no one is scared for their safety, no one is hungry, and no one feels ignored.



**Ben Olney**

Ben will be graduating from West Ottawa High School. He will be attending University of Michigan to study engineering. He has been active with the West Ottawa High School

Orchestra, and an after school program called CTEE that repurposes computers for use in Cameroon. Ben also participated in Sailing, and Cross Country while in high school. Ben is an avid Mountain Biker, and raced on the MEMBA circuit last fall. He likes to fix things and this spring and summer he is working at a bike shop.



Congratulations to Katie Hoffswell, who graduated from Grand Valley State University and received a Fulbright scholarship to teach in Turkey.



Lori Klinesteker  
Children's  
Ministry Leader

## Worship Center: Keeping In Touch

Our families gathered at the new Sally Smoly Nature Playscape at Windows on the Waterfront Park for pizza and time together on May 22. We had a great time being together and exploring the park.

This summer, young families will gather for a picnic at Tunnel Park on June 26 and at the Zeeland Splash Pad on August 21. You are also invited to join the many families who will be attending the FPC Paddle Weekend July 15-17. Details will be shared through email to young families, eblasts on Wednesday, and Profiles.

Worship Center wrapped up for the summer on May 15. A special thanks to Nate Laux who has volunteered in the nursery and in Worship Center almost every Sunday this school year! Nursery and Celebration Time will continue to be available during the summer months, and depending on the weather, we might make it back out on the playground every now and then.

We are looking forward to Peace Camp June 20-24 where our kids will continue to learn strategies to help them become global peacemakers. There is still space open for campers entering Kindergarten through 8th grade and for youth helpers. Registration - [www.fpcholland.org](http://www.fpcholland.org) / Connect / Peace Camp 2022

Keep letting your Light shine and have a safe and fun summer!

~ Lori Klinesteker



### **Peace Camp 2022: "With My Own Two Hands"**

Peace Camp teaches strategies and tools for inner peace, relational peace, and global peace through lessons, games, songs, crafts, and more!

**No cost** for campers or teen leaders.

**WHEN:** June 20-24, 9:00-11:45 each day

**WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church, Holland

**WHO:** Campers: Kids entering grades K-6

Teen leaders: Teens entering grades 7-12

**REGISTRATION:** FPC website homepage

[www.fpcholland.org](http://www.fpcholland.org) -or- call the church office.

**>>>> Registration closes June 10 <<<<**





## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women at FPC Holland have concluded our 9-month study of the women in Matthew's lineage of Jesus, and it generated lots of thought and discussion. We will begin working with a new study in September that was written by Reverend Dr. Carol M. Bechtel, Professor of Old Testament right here in Holland at Western Theological Seminary! It is called "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight".

Presbyterian Women welcomes all women of our congregation. We meet once a month - even met through COVID by various means. We support a global prayer witness called Least Coin, and the mission activities of our denominational Presbyterian Women beyond the support of our General Assembly. FPC Holland will host Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women next year on April 22. We will be delighted to show off our beautiful building, host worship and program, and offer lunch to women across our presbytery.

We look forward this fall to begin sharing a celebration of Sabbath!

PW Team: Bev Plagenhoef, Sarah Glover, Mickey Harris, Janet Magennis

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FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

online: [PresbyterianWomen.org](http://PresbyterianWomen.org)

Facebook: Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA)



## Deacons' Caring Corner

During Life at First on Sunday, May 22, the Deacons presented information about the work of their four Care Teams: Transportation, Handy workers, Nourishers, and Comforters. The congregation was invited to play a role in the work of Deacons by making themselves available to help the teams. Several people signed up to help, but more are always appreciated.

Copies of the bulletin insert from Sunday include photos of the deacons, the teams they are involved with, and a brief narrative of the care services provided. Extra copies of the insert are available from the church office.

Deacons have begun a discussion about how they can provide access to certain devices to aid in the recovery of patients following surgery or injury. Items such as canes, crutches, walkers and knee scooters, bedside commodes, and ice packs/ice machines are on a list of supplies. These would not all be stored at church, but there will be a system of lending, retrieving, and storing with individuals who own the devices. This system is another way to support the work of the Care Teams. Watch for more information or contact the Deacons at [deacons@fpcholland.org](mailto:deacons@fpcholland.org) if you are willing to lend equipment to others.

Deacons desire help from the congregation. Signing up to bring a meal or send a card or make a phone call or drive someone to an appointment is a sharing of the ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your support of the Deacons' Fund or for serving alongside them with your time and talent.

Deacon Paul Van Kolken, Moderator

# CONNECT TOGETHER

**Belonging Class beginning in June** - Belonging Classes will be held on the four Sundays of June after the 10:00 service. Pick up a beverage and snack at the M&M cafe and join us in the Michigan Room. If you have questions about membership or if you intend to join First Presbyterian church, please email the office with your contact information. You will be sent a complete schedule of the classes once you register.

**FPC Trio Recital** - Come! Listen and enjoy our very own FPC Trio. There will be a free will offering for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Ukraine. The recital begins at 2pm.

**Picnics for 7** - Saturday, June 18 at 6:00pm. Join a few other folks from FPC for an outdoor time of food and fellowship! Hosts will provide the main dish and will assign other attendees to bring sides, dessert, etc. Due to Covid 19, all groups will meet outdoors. In case of bad weather, each host will decide with their group about an alternate meeting day / time. Spiritual Growth Council will reimburse you for childcare in your home to attend if needed.

To attend or host, sign up in the M&M café by Sunday, June 12 or visit [www.fpcholland.org](http://www.fpcholland.org).

**Peace Camp** - Peace Camp teaches strategies and tools for inner peace, relational peace, and global peace through lessons, games, songs, crafts, and more! No cost for campers! Camp takes place June 20-24. For more details see page 4.

**Paddle Weekend** - Come join us for the triumphant return of the FPC Paddle Trip on Saturday, July 16th. We're keeping things closer to home and will be paddling the Pigeon River in West Olive. To extend the fun, camping will be available the nights of Friday July 15th and/or Saturday July 16th at the Pigeon Creek Group Camp Area.

For more details or to register, head on over to our website, [www.fpcholland.org](http://www.fpcholland.org).

**Shrimp Boil** - Saturday, Aug. 27. The Shrimp Boil is back and this year it's outside at the church! Watch for more details.

**Summer Events for the Youth group** - We are going to have a Mini Golf Tournament playing at the 3 mini-golf courses in town.

Friday, July 1: Craigs Cruisers Mini Golf 7:00pm

Sunday, July 17: Windmill Mini Golf 7:00pm

Sunday, Aug 7: Captain Sundae 7:00pm

Friday, Aug 19: We'll have a full day event at Michigan Adventures. Stay tuned for more details.

**Young Families Summer Events** - Join Us!

June 26 - Picnic at Tunnel Park following the 10a Worship Service.

August 21 - Splash Pad in Zeeland following the 10a Worship Service.



**Did you know?!** - Our 10:00am worship service is now being interpreted in American Sign Language. This is exciting news for the deaf and hard of hearing community!

**Soundboard and Recording Sunday Worship** - Are you Interested in Learning the Soundboard? With another retirement and move from the area, the team of Sunday sound board operators has gotten smaller. Volunteers are desperately needed to have enough trained operators to fill a shift rotation. Sound operators issue microphones before the service, take them off mute and adjust volume as needed through the service.

Additionally, we are operating the live stream camera feed. I invite anyone interested to sit with me and watch and learn, then I will sit with you until you are comfortable driving solo. Please consider joining this team that provides an essential service to the congregation. Contact Tim Richardson with questions, [tim36r@yahoo.com](mailto:tim36r@yahoo.com)





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



The Worship and Art Council put up a show of mosaic creations by Jack Hyde, a member of our church. His pieces are all made from recycled pottery and many are humorous.

Jack Hyde Art Display - Artist statement

**"He not busy being born is busy dyin'"** From, "That's alright Ma, I'm only bleeding" by Bob Dylan.

The capacity to be creative lies within each of us. It is God-given. I truly learned that from my students who had been labeled, "cognitively challenged." I was amazed at their creative abilities and, together, we learned how to unlock some of it.

Within that same theme, self-exploration led me to try drawing, then writing and found that to be very satisfying. Next came sculpture, repurposing old things into new items



that became garden art, much to the amusement of neighbors. Now, quite recently, it is mosaics; repurposing discards from other people.

Motivating factors were drawn from a combination of inspiration and avoidance behavior; "If you don't find something to do, you can vacuum and dust the living room." (Speaker requests anonymity.) Precision is not part of my nature. What could be compatible with my motto that, "Close is good enough."

Hence, these items emerged from how-to YouTube videos, inexpensive materials (dishes from Bibles for Mexico resale shop), glue, Masonite and grout. It is an endeavor in progress.