



The First Epistle

Worship, Serve, Grow
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Newsletter of the First

Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Communion will be served on September 8.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Calling all students and teachers! **Bring your backpacks and teaching bags to church on Sunday, September 8** for our Blessing of the Backpacks.



COME ONE, COME ALL!



The **Annual Tailgate** will be held **September 11, in the parking lot, immediately after worship**. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available, along with the trimmings. Session committees and the Deacons will host tables with information about their work available for all to see. They may also supply some additional

"goodies" for dessert. And there will be facepainting!! This is a REALLY good time to invite family and friends to meet your church family. Please plan to participate -- All are welcome!

LINK NEWS



Northeast/DeWitt & All Points North LINK We hope you can join us as we gather from scattered places and have lunch together on the **third Saturday of September, the 21st, at 1:00 at Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar** at 3301 Center Blvd, Lansing 48912, near Eastwood Mall.

West Lansing Delta LINK - SAVE THE DATE: October 20, 2024 Fall is approaching, and we have a date for our LINK gathering at Ruth Ann Brunet's home. We will have "Sunday Night Supper" together on October 20. Watch your email for details as the date gets closer.

~ Deb and Chris

HOME LINK will meet **Friday, September 20** (2nd to last day of summer!) at **Delhi Cafe for brunch at 11:30.**

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As you may have heard, our church received a \$500,000 grant from the state of Michigan for



infrastructure and operations. When Senator Sarah Anthony was looking to write specific legislation to support local community centers and churches that use their buildings and create programs to serve their neighborhoods, she thought of our church in particular. Along with the Tabernacle of David, she invited us to apply for the grant that the legislation provided for, gave us advice on the application, and wrote us a letter of recommendation.

The grant received about four times the expected applications and in the end, neither Tabernacle of David nor our church received a grant. Not to be deterred, however, Senator Anthony put both of our churches in the state budget—without telling us. When the budget was approved and Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed it, we were very surprised to find out that we were included!

Meeting with Senator Anthony, she told us that the state would provide us specific guidelines, but that our proposal for the funds needed to hone very closely to our original grant application—which was written with input from various organizations like the Food Pantry. It looks like we won't receive the state guidelines until sometime in October—so hang on.

Last week, Session approved a process to come up with a proposal, which included a committee made up of representatives from various Session committees with input from some of the not for profit organizations that share our space. That proposal will then come back to Session to be voted on and then sent to the Senator's office to make sure we meet the state guidelines.

In the meantime, we're going to be starting to get bids on some of the projects that we think are most likely to be funded, so that we can get started as soon as possible.

Pastor's Corner continued...

So! This is all very exciting, and the possibilities to further make a difference in our community and spread the gospel through our actions are dizzying, but we're asking everyone to have a little patience. You may hear all kind of rumors about how the money might be spent. Until we go through the process, and have everything approved by the state, however, everything remains just that, rumors. Rest assured, we will keep everyone abreast when we get more information.

In the meantime, as a community of faith, let's take a moment and reflect in awe upon God's providence and faithfulness. In the last few years we've taken a number of leaps of faith, including our work with the Justice League and reparations—and God has provided for us every step of the way. And now our faithfulness is being rewarded with more opportunities to dream and be of service.

While many churches are struggling with a sense of their own relevance in this postmodern culture, God is opening doors for us here at Lansing First to help shape our environment in the image of God's Kingdom in powerful ways. We are the very concrete body of Christ on earth on Ottawa Street—and God is working through our very concrete arms and legs and struggles and dreams. We are being given the opportunity to help build the Beloved Kingdom right here in the city of Lansing!

“For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance...” Jesus says. It would be a grave misreading to think that this abundance refers to material wealth as opposed to opportunities to serve and possibilities to make a difference. Indeed, just as God's love overflows in healing, we are overflowing in opportunities and possibilities, with God's love coursing through us.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! God is good!

~ Stan

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Stanley Jenkins
Parish Associate: Rev. Charles Herrick
Pastoral Care Assistant: Christine DeYonke
Church Administrator: Betsy Calvert
Director of Congregational Life & Outreach: Prince Solace
Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry: Megan Higle

Part-time Custodian: Kliff Nhengu
Director of Music: Megan Higle
Organist: Sergei Kvitko
Bell Choir Director: Darin Showalter
Child Care Staff: Lily Ferris
Video Producers: Bill Collins and Andrew Mackoul

COMING IN OCTOBER!

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Sunday, October 6

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



Potluck

World Communion Sunday Potluck, October 4, 2024, after worship

Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage or a dish that is a family favorite. If you are able, please label the country or area your dish represents. There will be carts at the main entrance to take your dish downstairs. Drinks and place settings will be provided.



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE
WORLD.



Faith Formation at First Presbyterian Church

Here is what is going on in September for Faith Formation!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS!

4 years – 12 years Age Children!

First day of class will be September 15, following worship

We are using our newest materials, “Follow Me” this month! Yippee! Teachers in September include Pam Blair & Kathy Banghart!

In September/October, we will be studying WALK HUMBLY (connecting ourselves to God through nature).

You can learn a wee bit more about “Follow Me” here:

https://youtu.be/IY2WsitU_xE?si=Dh20tv7ac0IA4QmQ



We are always looking for
Teachers/Facilitators AND Teacher Aides for each Sunday!

Contact Megan or Alyse for dates/calendar.

YOUTH (MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH)!

Our Middle and Senior High Faith Formation group will continue our fellowship with Holt & Okemos Presbyterian churches this fall.

These groups come together **every Sunday evening (September – May)**...we are so glad that our young people have ways to share their faith with others in our larger community!

If you have a student in grades 6 – 12, see Megan Higle or Pam Blair to find out what opportunities exist. 😊

IF Youth Group is not “your thing”, please see Megan Higle, Pam Blair or Alyse Collins for a schedule of youth Bible Study and opportunities for service within our congregation.

ADULTS!

Faith Formation (Adult Forum) will be back up and running on September 15...

Church Financial Literacy and Stewardship

Our Elections and our Faith

Introduction to the "Job" - Elder, Deacon and being a Member

We also have our Wednesday at Noon Bible Study (in person or on Zoom) with Rev. Stan each week.

Megan Higle

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cell phone: 248.320.4578

ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).
Childcare is available through this time



September 15

CHURCH FINANCIAL LITERACY AND STEWARDSHIP

Elder Ceci Anderson, leading

Come learn about how our Church finances are organized and utilized.

Come learn about stewardship.

Come learn how your donations and pledges work to fulfill the mission of the Church, building the Kingdom of God.

Afterwards, join with others at the new restaurant/pub Salt Rock (across the garden from the church parking lot) to support a new community business.

September 22

OUR FAITH, OUR ELECTIONS, THE SHAPE OF OUR NATIONAL FUTURE

Rev. Charlie Herrick, leading

With just two months to go before the all-important presidential (and other crucial offices) election, it's a good time to come together to share our hopes and anxieties. This session will be more or less an extension of last May's discussion on "whether the U.S. is/was/was meant to be/was founded as/should be a 'Christian nation.'" In the time since then, that question has been raised among certain voices with still more specificity. How are we, as Christians, to walk the line between expressing our faith on the crucial issues of our time, and being assured, as some do,

that imposing a specific iteration of Christianity upon our increasingly diverse population would solve our societal issues? We all have thoughts about this. Come and share.

September 29
INTRODUCTION TO THE "JOB"
Elder Ceci Anderson, leading

Learn about the "jobs" of Membership, Deacon and Elder within our Presbyterian Polity. How best can you faithfully participate with us?

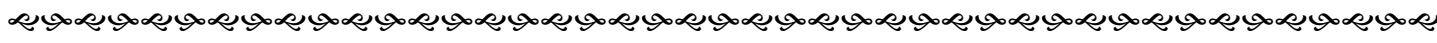
MISSION NEWS

A thank you letter was received from Ministry Engagement and Support of PCUSA for our shared mission contribution in May 2024.

City Rescue Mission sent a thank you for being a rescuer. Our contribution for the most vulnerable in our community helps provide a haven for them.

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind thanks us for our donation which helped to provide a great summer for kids.

Mission funds helped support MADD camp and a Mandela non-profit in Africa.



Fairly Traded Coffee, Chocolate and Tea from Equal Exchange Co-op

While cocoa and chocolate are beloved products for many of us, they have been receiving attention lately related to a global shortage, and the causes and consequences linked to this shortage, including a spike in prices on grocery shelves.

Around 70% of the world's cocoa beans come from West Africa, mainly the Ivory Coast and Ghana, and their most recent main harvest was not good. Three primary factors collided:



- Serious agricultural diseases are harming cacao trees and decreasing harvest outputs. This harvest year, black pod disease and swollen shoot virus are contributing to significantly lower yields.
- Atypical climate patterns can disrupt farm productivity in general, but in this case, they have also unfortunately exacerbated the diseases and their damage. The harvest season has had both too much rain and not enough rain at different key moments in the cacao growing cycle.
- Many farms are aging and have not been reinvested in adequately over time. Even under good conditions, older trees produce less cacao per tree. Farms with poor investment mean depleted soil and less healthy trees, making them even more vulnerable to agricultural pests and weather challenges.



Buying Fairly Traded Coffee, tea and chocolate helps small farmers provide for their families and communities. Fairly Traded products sold in Litten Hall support small farmers.



Green Team



GENERAL ASSEMBLY Overture: On Becoming Free from Plastic Pollution Approved

GA Overture Overview ENV 03: On Becoming Free from Plastic Pollution
Committee Vote: 39-5-0. Approved Plenary Vote: Approved on Consent Agenda.

- Commitment to change from disposable culture to reusable, sustainable one
- Educate on alternatives to single-use plastics
- Strategies and actions to mitigate plastic pollution
- Reduce use of single-use plastics and packaging
- Church to join in opportunities to participate in addressing plastic pollution
- Accommodations for impacted groups
- Speak public truth about plastic pollution



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The food pantry board appreciates the congregation’s support of financial contributions as well as food and other items. The number of guests calling to request appointments for food continues to be at record levels. The pantry handles almost 100 food orders per week which is the maximum our team of workers can handle during the four days it is open.



Food pantries throughout the United States are experiencing low supplies of basic food items. This problem started during the Covid Pandemic and has not been solved. Therefore you are seeing in the weekly emails our requests for basic staples such as soup, canned vegetables and fruit. The pantry budget allows the purchase of these items at times, but it costs more to buy food at Aldi’s or other stores than at the Greater Lansing Food Bank if they had it in stock.

Fortunately, Food Rescuers, an organization that has been formed in the past year, brings “sell by date” items donated by Whole Foods and Trader Joes, to the pantry weekly. You might notice that at approximately 11:30 am on Sundays, Food Rescue volunteers arrive at the Chapel Entrance with the donated items. It is somewhat inconvenient for our members leaving the worship service to find our pantry volunteers moving carts of food into the chapel reception area and down the elevator to store the items in our pantry refrigerators and freezers. However, we are receiving high quality fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, breads and some nonperishable goods that are needed by our food pantry guests. Aldi’s also provides the pantry

Food Pantry News continued...

every Monday morning a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and meat that also have reached a sell by date. Our clients appreciate these fresh foods.

The pantry also is thankful for the fresh food grown by our members in their gardens donated for distribution to our guests. The quality of fresh food provides a healthy option for our guests who have a limited budget to purchase these type of items. The pantry typically receives surplus apples, potatoes, and other vegetables during harvest season from MSU, the Meridian Township Farmers market and other organizations.

As one of the busiest food pantries in the Lansing area, your support is essential for our service to hungry households. Thank you for your all your contributions!



MUSIC NOTES



*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!*

-“When in Our Music God is Glorified” verse 1, Fred Pratt Green

We're back!

As a music director/choral director, I am so excited to be back in rehearsals and presenting anthems as we glorify God this fall!

If YOU are interested in singing with the chancel choir, awesome! We rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (choir room). We meet on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. The choir typically offers two anthems each Sunday and provides leadership on hymns and service music.

I am also very excited to introduce two new singers, Maco Jeleniewski & Troy Forbush, to our choir family AND to officially announce that Colin DeWitt is our Assistant Director this semester (you can read more about Maco and Troy in a separate article).

Colin has been and will be learning about anthem and hymn selection, rehearsal planning, rehearsal running, newsletter article writing, bulletin communication, staff meetings, worship planning sessions, etc. as he finishes his Music Education degree by being a student teacher at Holt High School this fall. (If you are thinking to yourself, “how hard can it be?”, Megan is stoked that she continues to make the job look easy and encourages you to talk to Colin.)

After a great summer of vacation, travel (I think you could win travel-bingo with all the places Sergei has been this summer!!), and rest...I *know* that we are ready to begin a new choir season filled with inspirational music for the congregation and our community.

Music Notes continued...

The music staff - Megan, Sergei, Darin, Colin, Katie, Maco, Ben, & Troy - lifts you in prayer that the music you hear and experience during the month of September encourages you and gives you space to be in full communion with God, our creator and sustainer.

Hymns for September include:

#295 Go to the World!

#157 I Danced in the Morning

#373 O Day of Peace

#611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

#804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Anthems for September include:

“For Everyone Born” arr Tom Trenney

“When In Our Music God is Glorified” arr Hal Hopson

“Thine is the Glory” arr Paul Wright

“The Lamb” by John Tavener

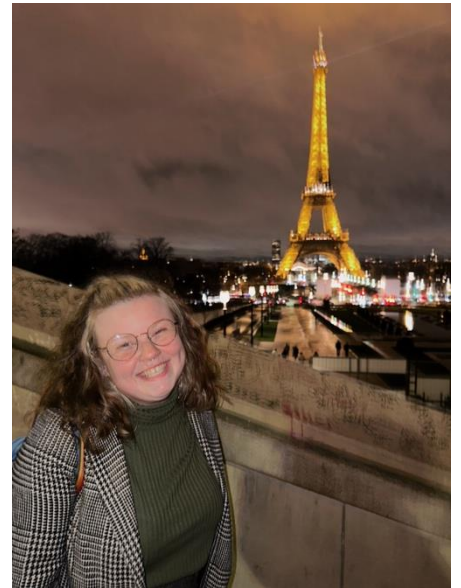
Peacefully and musically yours,

Megan & Colin

MEET OUR SECTION LEADERS

Katie Sundeen, soprano (she/they)

Katie has been with the FPC Chancel Choir as the soprano section leader since February 2022. She graduated from Michigan State University in Spring 2024 with a BA in Music and Women's & Gender Studies. She is currently applying to law school, with the intention to begin in Fall 2025. Welcome back, Katie!



Maco Jeleniewski, mezzo-soprano (she/her)

Maco (pronounced MAY-ko) is currently pursuing a dual degree program for Music/Vocal Performance and Journalism. She hopes to perform in the professional opera circuit and report on hard news as it happens (coinciding with her past in political activism). From Orland Park, Illinois, Maco works at the MSU radio station "Impact89FM" as the News Editor. In her free time, she performs in community theatre, writes music for video games, and does drag makeup. She will be our alto section leader and is so excited to meet everyone!

Music Notes continued ...

Ben English, tenor (he/his)

Ben is excited to begin his 15th (!) year as the tenor section leader at FPC. When Ben is not singing in the church choir, he is working at Wharton Center as the Manager of Community Engagement and Special Projects. He is also the Executive Director of the Lansing Children's Choir. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Family and Community Studies – which he puts to good use! He lives in East Lansing with his family – Kat (wife), Ceci (daughter) and Cordelia (dog).





Troy Forbush, tenor or baritone (he/they)

Troy is a Music Education and Vocal Performance major in his sixth year at Michigan State University. This fall, he's pursuing an internship as stage manager for MSU Opera Theatre's production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. He is passionate about gun violence prevention advocacy and loves spending time with his cat, Juice Box!

Colin DeWitt, Assistant Director (he/his)

Colin is excited to be Assistant Music Director and bass section leader at First Presbyterian Church Lansing for this Fall! Colin will also be completing his Bachelor's in Music Education at MSU this Fall, spending his final semester student teaching in Holt Public Schools. Colin will be moving out-of-state come 2025, and is extremely thankful for the experience, support, and love from everyone at First Presbyterian Lansing during his time here.



Join the Handbell Choir!

Handbell rehearsals start again on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you love music, come check it out. No experience required! Contact Darin Showalter (540-246-5545 or darinjshowalter@gmail.com) for more information.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS
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It is time to form a slate of officers for the coming years. The slate must be approved by the congregation this fall.

We would greatly appreciate your suggestions!! If you are a member of this church, please **consider serving yourself** as an Elder or Deacon for the next 3 years, or for one year

on the Nominating Committee or Audit Committee. **You don't have to wait to be asked!** Remember: for all the benefits we have of excellent Worship and purposeful serving, it does take a "village" of workers to help in determining the direction of service opportunities and good congregational decision-making. Thank you for getting the ball rolling!

Please email committee chair Linda Snyder, lksnyder3@comcast.net, with questions or suggestions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION FORM 2024

Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying nominees for:

- Session (Elders), a 3-year term
- The Board of Deacons, a 3-year term
- The Nominating Committee, a 1-year term
- The Audit Review Committee, a 1-year term

If you are interested in being considered for one of these elected positions or want to suggest names, please complete the form below. Email the completed form to Linda Snyder, lksnyder3@comcast.net, or put it in her box in the church office. **Thank you for your input!**

NOMINATION SUGGESTIONS: Please indicate if you are nominating yourself.

Elder

Deacon

Nominating Committee

Audit Committee



Book Group

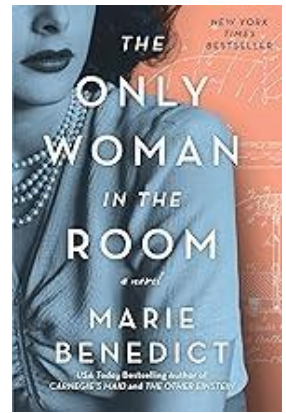


We will meet in the parlor in September. During October – March, we will meet on Zoom.

Tuesday September 3, 6:30 in the parlor

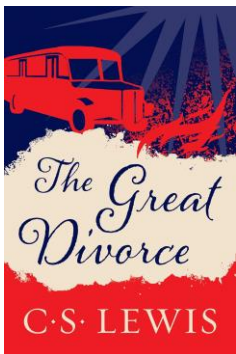
***The Only Woman in the Room: A Novel* by Marie Benedict**

She possessed both a stunning beauty and a stunning mind. Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side, understanding more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: She was a scientist, whose groundbreaking invention later revolutionized modern communication. And she knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis...if anyone would listen to her. Discussion led by Jackie Blankenship.



Tuesday October 1, 6:30 on Zoom

***The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis**



In *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis again employs his formidable talent for fable and allegory. The writer finds himself in Hell boarding a bus bound for Heaven. The amazing opportunity is that anyone who wants to stay in Heaven, can. This is a starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment. Lewis's revolutionary idea is the discovery that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis's *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil. Historical note: This was the first book read by our First Pres book group, in 2003.

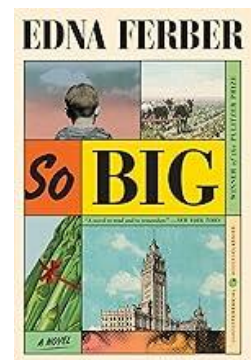
Tuesday November 5, 6:30 on Zoom

***So Big* by Edna Ferber**

Set in Chicago at the turn of the twentieth century, *So Big* tells the story of Selina Peake, orphaned at nineteen after her father is shot and killed in a gambling house. Selina gets a job as a schoolteacher in a farming

Book Group continued...

community outside Chicago and falls in love with a kind but struggling farmer. She soon leaves the schoolhouse for long grueling days in the fields and gives birth to a son, Dirk, nicknamed "So Big." When she finds herself unexpectedly widowed, she takes the reins of the farm, defying convention and all those around her, determined to give Dirk every opportunity to follow his dreams. Published in 1924, this Pulitzer Prize winner is a powerful and stirring portrait of one of the most memorable women in American literature.





Boomers and Beyond Luncheon September 11, 2024 Church Parlor @ noon

The Boomers and Beyond group took a break for the month of July but returned on August 14. All of the tables were full with lively conversations and people were glad to be back meeting again. The group will now continue through the year meeting monthly. **The dates change due to the travels and commitments of our hosts, Kathe Smith, Bev Phillips and Nan Carter, so please refer to the Epistle, church bulletins and announcements for the monthly dates.**

Our September meeting will be on the 11th. Fall is approaching so we will return to our menu that includes soup, salads and dessert. A simple meal with church friends. If you have any questions please feel free to call Kathe Smith, 517-230-1814 or Bev Phillips, 517-927-8367. **Please mark your calendar for September 11, Boomers and Beyond Lunch.**



TLC - Thursday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m.

TLC will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. This month we will be going to **Leo's Lodge**. It is located at **2525 E. Jolly Rd. in Lansing**. Please call Judy Hartgerink (517-484-5177) for reservations or information. TLC is a group for women in the church who enjoy fellowship and good food. We would love to have you join us.



FPC MEN'S GROUP

All men of the church (regardless of age) are invited to participate in the activities of the FPC Men's Group. Please contact Brian Koon (b.koon@comcast.net or 517 886-9801) if you are interested in touring the *R E Olds Transportation Museum* sometime this Fall. Date and time to be determined.

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SESSION NOTES

Session has approved these items for church improvements using funds from the Bob Hughes life insurance policy the church received and additional funds from a Capital Campaign:

- Repair of the steeple
- New carpet in the sanctuary
- New pew cushions (pews were meant to have cushions on them, they are curved for that purpose)
- A dedicated media center and improved sound for the sanctuary, chapel and Litten Hall
- Repair and updating of the corner Memorial Garden at the corner of Ottawa and Chestnut.

Ceci Anderson will be leading Adult Forum on September 15 to talk about these projects among other things.

Carol Wallace, Clerk of Session



DEACONS' NOTES

HELP OUR CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN OUR FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY!

Perhaps you've noticed that our Sunday School children have a Food Box at the front of the sanctuary, and at the end of the Moment for Children, they all put food items into the box. Megan Higle, our Director of Christian Education has been providing these items herself, but now **you are invited to join in!** *Please bring any of the items listed below to the Food Box before worship) on Sunday, (place them around the Food Box, not in it (that's the children's job! 😊).* Items can also be brought for the Food Box throughout the week – bring them to the church office, labeled "Food Box."

Deacons' Notes continued...

The Food Pantry is always in need of basic food items and monetary donations, year-round (be sure to mark your gift "Food Pantry). Contact Jim Donaldson for more details: jimdonaldsn01@comcast.net.

Basic items the pantry can always use include:

- All varieties of soup, store brand is fine!!!!
- Cans of corn!!!

- Cans of green beans!!!
- Pasta sauce
- Cans of fruit
- Store brand cereal
- Store brand cookies
- TP
- Bar soap

ADVENT HOUSE MEAL

Our next meal there will be September 22. Anyone can help! Contact Rich Blankenship, gogreen3426@yahoo.com, to volunteer!

MEMBER CARE

Deacon “buddies” continue to visit and/ or contact our homebound members regularly, representing our entire church, and showing the constant love of our Christian family of faith.

ANGEL TEAM MINISTRY

The Angel Team offers rides, meals, and other support for church members in both joyous and difficult times. If you are interested in assisting your friends and church members, or have need of such support, please contact Deb Donaldson: iampib@yahoo.com.

BINGO MINISTRY AT CAPITAL CITY APARTMENTS

Join the Bingo Team to provide this entertaining outreach and fellowship to the residents at 3200 S. Washington Blvd. The fun happens on September 17 (the third Tuesday of every month) at 7:00 p.m.

You can participate by volunteering onsite, or you can help by donating prizes! Prize items that are always appreciated include:

- Personal care items (hand soap, lotions, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues)
- Cleaning supplies (dish & laundry soap)
- Granola bars and other snack foods
- Small appliances (crock pots, toasters, small food processors)
- \$25 gift cards from Meijer/Kroger (grand prize)

Deacons' Notes continued...

Bring your donations to the church office, marked “Bingo prizes.”

Contact Linda Snyder at lksnyder3@comcast.net with your questions or to volunteer! *Thank you!*

HOW TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

The ministry of your Board of Deacons is not part of the church budget, but is funded by congregational extra-mile giving that is earmarked "Deacons Fund." To support Member Care, Bingo Outreach, Advent House meals, and Angel Team ministries, direct your gift to "Deacons General Fund." To support our "Holiday Basket" ministry, please indicate that on your gift. Thank you for your generosity!



(NOTE: Donations to the Deacons without a specific designation go into the Deacons General Fund.) Thank you for your support!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Liturgists	Gwen Botting	Bob Higle	Lexi Green	Steve Warnaar	Willye Bryan



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO VERINA THORNTON ON SEPTEMBER 4 FOR HER 93RD BIRTHDAY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE AND DEBBIE WARNAAR ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIRST GREAT-GRANDSON, DAWSON DANIEL RICE, BORN TO MORGAN AND JARED RICE ON AUGUST 22!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/01	Nasim Namy	9/10	Bryon Bockes
9/02	Marilyn Rye	9/11	Bruce Poland
9/02	Mabel Sneller	9/12	August Aste
9/03	Nancy Duncan	9/12	Josef Snyder
9/03	Don Heck	9/14	Russ Jenks

9/03 David Jackson
 9/03 Archer Sirmeyer
 9/04 Verina Thornton
 9/05 John Metzger
 9/05 Mark Harvey
 9/05 Dan Hengstebeck
 9/05 Jack Drew
 9/06 Talia Makhoul
 9/06 Bryse Friess
 9/07 Sophia Mackoul
 9/08 Sharon Johnson

9/14 Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema
 9/15 Connie Heck
 9/17 Tessa Bockes
 9/18 Rev. Stan Jenkins
 9/18 Lucy Petit
 9/21 Aryana Hughes
 9/22 Julia Wenglariski
 9/23 Jacob Fawaz
 9/24 Atticus Sirmeyer
 9/24 Elijah Layne
 9/26 Z'kiah Roper
 9/27 Judy Hartgerink
 9/28 Pam Taliaferro

The October newsletter deadline is **September 15.**
 Please send your articles to Victoria Fitton, vafitton@gmail.com.
 Thank you! 😊

September 2024

Sunday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
 6:00 p.m.-8 GIL Classes
 6:30 pm-9 Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
 6:30 p.m. Book Group – Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsman - Chapel

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
 4:30 p.m.-6:30 Lans Childrn Choir Rehrsl-Chapel
 5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
 6:00 p.m. MidMIPhotoClub mtg- Litten Hall
 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting - Zoom
Thursday, September 5
 9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
 7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries-Bible Study – Lib.
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 6
 5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8 *Communion Sunday*

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Tail Gate – Parking lot
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries

Monday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m.-8 GIL Classes
6:30 p.m. Bells of First Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee – Zoom

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
6:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes
6:30 pm-9 Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsman - Chapel

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
12:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study - Library
12:00 p.m. Boomers/Beyond lunch – Parlor
4:30 p.m.-6:30 Lans Childrn Choir Rehrsl-Choir Rm
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Thursday, September 12

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
9:00 a.m.-2 NWI Food Distribution- Litten Hall 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries-Bible Study – Lib.

Friday, September 13

5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, September 14

Sunday, September 15

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:15 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries-Sanctuary

Monday, September 16

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL classes
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
5:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes
6:30 p.m. Bells of First Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m. MidMI PhotoOfficersMtg- Library
6:30 pm-9 Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsman – Chapel

Wednesday, September 18

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
4:30 p.m.-6:30 Lans Childrn Choir Rehrsl-Choir Rm
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m. Session Mtg – GIL room

Thursday, September 19

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
6p-8 Capitol City Quilt Guild- Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries-Bible Study – Lib.

Friday, September 20

5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:15 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries-Sanctuary

Monday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
5:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes
6:30 p.m. Bells of First Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
6:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes
6:30 pm-9 Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsman - Chapel

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
4:30 p.m.-6:30 Lans Childrn Choir Rehrsl-Choir Rm
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room

Thursday, September 26

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
9:00 a.m.-2 NWI Food Distribution- Litten Hall
1:00 p.m. Bridge in the Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries-Bible Study – Lib.

Friday, September 27

5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, September 28

Sunday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship-
11:15 a.m. Adult Forum
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries- Sanctuary

Monday, September 30

9:00 a.m.-2 GIL Classes
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m.-8 GIL Classes
6:30 p.m. Bells of First Rehearsal – Sanctuary