



The First Epistle

Worship, Serve, Grow

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COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON JUNE 2ND

FUNDRAISING FOR MADD

Session approved a fundraising campaign to benefit MADD (**Music, Arts, Drama and Dance**) Camp 2024. This is the eighth Camp and takes place **July 22-26, at the Church**. The goal is to allow the 60+ participants to have a tuition free camping experience. Funds are being solicited from the congregation and friends. Please make out checks to First Presbyterian Church and put “MADD Camp” in the memo line. Volunteers are needed to help with the campers and clean up. See Megan Higle (248-320-4578), Ben English (517-930-0411), or George Bennett (248-762-0774) if you have any questions, concerns, or wish to volunteer. Thanks for your generous support and volunteer efforts.

SAVE THE DATE – Summer Potluck

Potluck Sunday August 4, 2024. Come share all the good memories you have created this summer and catch up with your church family. We will provide ice cream with all the toppings for dessert, beverages, and place settings. Please bring a dish that feeds 10-12 people. A cart will be available by the entrance for your dish as you arrive for worship, and someone will take it downstairs for you. Come enjoy a great summer meal and even better company.

COOKIES PLEASE

Calling all cookie bakers and cookie buyers. The freezer is low on a cookie supply for Sunday Morning Coffee Hours. If you are able, please bring cookie donations to the kitchen labeled coffee hour on any Sunday. Gluten free cookies must be store bought due to allergies. If you wish to leave your donation on a different day, please put cookies in silver freezer. Thanks for your help! Pam Blair, Membership Coordinator.



MUSIC NOTES with Megan Heigle

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*
"God is Here!" verse 3, Fred Pratt Green

https://hymnary.org/text/god_is_here_as_we_your_people

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Whew. It's June.

Weren't we just celebrating Christmas? Didn't we just watch the kids on their Easter Egg hunt? Didn't the choirs just celebrate Music Sunday? How can time move so fast and yet, so slow?

During the months of the summer, when we move our corporate worship into Molly Grove Chapel, let's take time to really listen. Listen to what God is asking us to do/be. Listen to what the earth is asking us to do/take care of. Listen to what our heart is needing.

The hymn "God is Here!" was composed by the Rev. Fred Pratt Green who composed over 100 hymns during his lifetime (1903 -2000). He composed hymns "that fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this (20th) century and the 'far-out' compositions that have crowded into some churches in last decade (late 20th century) or so." "God is Here!" was published in 1979. It was commissioned by the University United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas as part of an eight-month festival on worship, music, and art. On Sunday, April 30, 1978, the church dedicated its new chancel furniture and the people rededicated themselves to God.

The text celebrates what it means to be a church, while emphasizing the relationship between Sunday Morning and Daily Living:

- Offer praise and prayer to God
- Preach the Word
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Foster faith and service

The music staff prays that the music you hear and experience during the month uplifts, encourages and gives you space to be in full communion with God, our Creator and Sustainer.

Hymns for June include:

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| #409 God is Here! | #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light |
| #307 God of Grace and God of Glory | #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love |
| #354 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | #23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets |
| #647 Give Thanks | #178 The Woman Hiding in the Crowd |
| #31 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind | #320 The Church of Christ in Every Age |

Here are some links to music that may uplift and sustain you this summer:

God Is Here!

https://youtu.be/QbkNXq71iis?si=rlycKJRogHw_4PBL

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

<https://youtu.be/lZ78sCBWlrQ?si=nUHwIOAb1A2r1EDi>

Give Thanks

<https://youtu.be/blbslHDgceY?si=t2w9UYXPBjzV7k4o>

God of Grace and God of Glory

<https://youtu.be/lyyNowMPx6E?si=SAE5j4dilcwy-xGv>

Will You Come and Follow Me

<https://youtu.be/GHEjyGfRO7s?si=EfJUWw75K85qCzbW>

Break Thou the Bread of Life

<https://youtu.be/NQpj4TSe-Ec?si=erFsFzRr8ZN9xx0K>

The Church's One Foundation

<https://youtu.be/2ECY2lleRg8?si=Os5PN8mWc9lfrzCe>

Open the Eyes of My Heart

<https://youtu.be/SikVUI89IWM?si=6pyAPYcD0mYNq6M5>

Here in This Place

<https://youtu.be/-23KEg0udgM?si=W32Dh9kpR5Ym9H2z>

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

<https://youtu.be/gBdCwn2hKBs?si=lut5rGyZqPiPfgQ8>

Jesu, Thou Boundless Love to Me

<https://youtu.be/DVc5TrnEwhQ?si=Y6CQWUN4ul0VUqFB>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Graduating from High School



Asa Harvey

Asa made the jump to traditional high school (Lansing Christian) after 10 years of homeschooling. He added varsity baseball, a slew of AP courses, and valedictorian to his experiences while maintaining his love of all-things outdoors including hunting, fly fishing, hiking, and ornithology.

Asa is working at Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling, Michigan this summer and attending Calvin University in the fall to study biology with a focus in ecology.



Hannah Schor

Hannah Elizabeth Schor is graduating from Everett High School in Lansing. During high school, Hannah was a Peer Leader and a Delegation Leader for Youth in Government, and has worked at Kiki's Gymnastics, coaching recreational and competitive gymnastics.

Hannah plans to attend the University of Michigan and study biology in preparation for medical school.



Graduating from College



Carrie Blair

Carrie is graduating with her master's in science in sport management from Eastern Michigan University. She finished her degree with a 4.0 and Student of the Year honors.

After graduation, Carrie will return to Michigan State as a graduate assistant in the Athletics Event Management Department.

Maryann Mackoul

Maryann is graduating with honors from Michigan State University with a bachelor's in education.

She will be attending University of Michigan in the fall, pursuing a master's in education.



Tori Tyler

Tori, our alto section leader, is graduating from Michigan State University with a master's in music: musicology.

She will be attending George Washington University in the fall, pursuing a Ph.D. in Education.



Katie Sundeen

Katie, our soprano section leader, is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in music and women and gender studies from Michigan State University.

She is currently studying for the LSAT exam and will be applying to law school.



Collin Wisner

Collin is graduating from Lansing Community College with an associate degree in applied sciences.

He will finish his welding apprenticeship by December 2024.

Colin Dewitt

Colin, our bass section leader, is graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Music Education.

He will be student teaching in the Holt Public School District in the fall and will take on responsibilities as the chancel choir assistant director at First Pres.



DID YOU KNOW?

Lansing First Presbyterian is the rehearsal and performance home of Open Spot Theater!
<https://openspottheatre.com>

Ben English has been a teaching artist, as well as Miranda Hartmann (Drama Teacher at MADD Camp and President of the Lansing Children's Choir).

Open Spot Theater began 2012 in Metro Detroit with the simple idea that performing arts should be for ALL people. In 2020, the group expanded to the entire state of Michigan and into Ohio!

First Pres has been the home for the Mid-Michigan Open Spot Theater for the past 4 years. The students participate in multi-week workshops throughout the year and perform a show at the end of their session.



THEATRE FOR ALL

The next weeklong session occurs in July, with a performance on Friday, July 12.



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

Childcare Staff: Lily Ferris

Video Producers: Bill Collins and
Andrew Mackoul

**The JULY/AUGUST newsletter deadline is AUGUST 15th.
Victoria will be out of the Country.
Please send articles to the Church Office.**

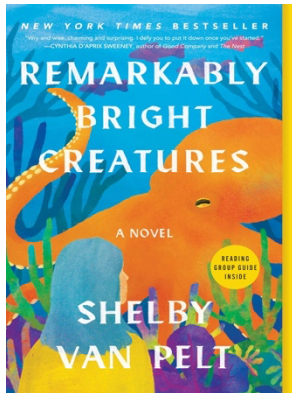
Book Group



With daylight extending later into the evening, we will meet in the parlor during the warmer months. Our starting time will be 6:30, allowing us to drive home while it is still light.

Tuesday June 4, 6:30 in the parlor

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt



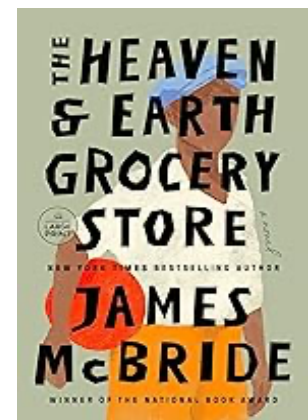
After Tova Sullivan’s husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she’s been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn’t dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces

what happened the night Tova’s son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it’s too late. Discussion led by Sharon Carr.

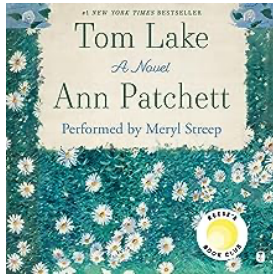
Tuesday July 2, 6:30 in the parlor

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. As these characters’ stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town’s white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us. Discussion led by Linda Diepenhorst.



Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 in the parlor *Tom Lake: A Novel* by Ann Patchett



In the spring of 2020, Lara’s three daughters return to the family’s orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. *Tom Lake* is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.



SESSION NOTES

The Session met on May 15.

The church kitchen is in the process of becoming licensed again. This will enable groups to prepare food in the kitchen for outside groups and will enable outside groups to use the kitchen in a safe manner.

Ceci Anderson will chair a committee to work on a Capital Campaign to raise funds for repairs and projects in the church.

GIL has invited the congregation to attend graduation on Friday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Session passed a motion to reinstitute the policy for members of all committees to bring a food item for the food pantry to all meetings.

The Session will not meet in June and July.



LUGNUTS OUTING

Join us for a night of baseball at the Lugnut Outing on Friday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. The tickets are \$12 each. It will be a beautiful night for baseball. Contact Rich Blankenship for questions and to order tickets (gogreen3426@yahoo.com / 517-303-1587).

M.A.D.D. CAMP – JULY 22-26 – NEEDS YOU!

M.A.D.D. Camp (Music.Art.Drama.Dance) will be taking place for its 8th year at Lansing First Pres! We are so happy to continue to be home of this tuition-free, week-long summer camp for children in our area. This year, the Lansing Children's Choir has expanded the camp to 80 children! Wow!

Camp is super excited to have Bob Higle, Christine DeYonke, Dan DeYonke, Sallie Campbell, Chrisann Lowe, Kathe Smith as well as Jennifer Knapp, Amy Celentino, Brooke Broughton, Amber Pennell, Rachel VanDeVen, Bethany Sherman as volunteers for Camp! We could use five or six more people!

The Camp budget is around \$10,000. YOU can help the Lansing Children's Choir by offering yourself in a variety of ways. Camp is looking for **donations of either time, funds, or food.**



FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

640 pre-packaged chips/crackers/pretzels

500 packages of fruit snacks (we have received a donation of 100 fruit snacks already)

100 (min) individually wrapped popsicles (for final day)

30 Powdered Lemonade Mixes (19 oz = 8 quarts) – we make approx. 10 gallons each day

32 bags of grapes (seedless) – deliver on Monday, July 22

160 apples – deliver on Monday, July 22

48 “boxes” of cookies (chocolate chip and Oreo)

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

ONE Pod Parent Assistant (Mon-Thur) 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – lunch and snack provided

Snack Prep (Mon – Friday morning – approx. 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Lunch Delivery/Clean up (Monday – Thursday 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Check Out (Monday – Thursday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)

Final Clean Up (Friday 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE WEEK

To help feed lunch to 100 people DAILY (campers, staff, and volunteers) Mon-Thurs

This equals lunch for 400 people, with a budget of \$8 per person = \$3,200.

To pay a small stipend to our teaching artists (Ashley Wright (music), Thorin Teague (art),

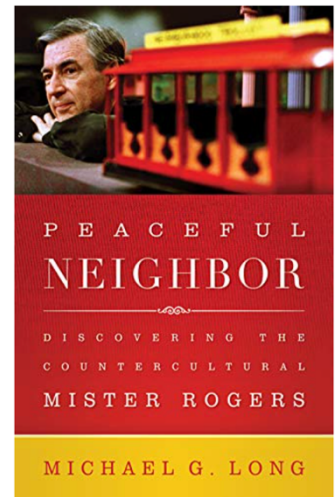
Miranda Hartman (drama), Clara Martinez (dance) - \$3,000 for their prep-work, material purchases, dedication during CAMP week.

To pay the LFP Custodian (Kliff) for his extra time on daily/weekly clean up. (\$500)

To purchase additional food/snacks, materials, etc. during Camp Week. (\$500)

STRONG WOMEN of FPC This Summer!

1. Christine DeYonke and Megan Higle are looking at doing a day trip to **Mt. Pleasant in early June to the Ziibiwing Center**. We can visit the museum, walk the grounds, and learn about the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Would YOU be interested in going?
2. There will be a "clean up" day of the **Sunday School Classroom** on Sunday, June 9th after the worship service. We will be cleaning out old arts/crafts supplies (bad paint, dried out glue, sun-bleached paper, etc.), removing old books, removing old bookshelves, reorganizing art closets, etc. Come on Sunday to worship service with your work clothes/gloves. Stay to help clean up and have some Jimmy John's subs with us!
3. The **Youth Education Committee** is sponsoring a summer book read! This is open to all who are interested. We will read, "Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers" by Michael G. Long - throughout the summer. You will receive an email with a couple of questions for you to journal. We will meet, as a group, in late August to discuss the book and have some fellowship! Three copies of the book will be in the church library on Sunday, May 19, OR you can order your own (approx. \$15) from PCUSA.!



<https://www.pcusastore.com/.../066.../peaceful-neighbor.aspx>

FLOWER CALENDAR



The flower calendar is back! If you would like to purchase fresh flowers for worship, please call Judy Whitman at 517-290-2350 and leave a check with Betsy in the office for \$50.00. If you would like to supply a silk arrangement, the cost is \$80 and can be split by two or more family units. Please call Judy for more information. In the spring and summer, if you have flowers from your yard you would like to provide, please let Judy know ahead of time. We welcome flowers from local growers, especially if that grower is you!

DEACON NOTES

FINAL REMINDER: CAMP GREENWOOD



Don't forget to check out Camp Greenwood – a great place for kids of all ages, offering a variety of camping experiences throughout the summer! It's a safe space for life-changing

experiences and outdoor activities. The ties of campers, their parents, and local churches, are strengthened by helping campers take what they have been taught and put it into practice. Check out the Camp Greenwood website, campgreenwood.org, and click on the Summer Camp icon. *Camp Greenwood forever!*

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."



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: jimdonsn01@comcast.net.

Basic items the pantry can always use include:

- Cans of baked beans
- Any type of cereal
- Bar soap
- Canned peaches and mixed fruit
- Saltine crackers
- Canned green beans, corn, and peas
- Elbow macaroni
- Store bought cookies
- All varieties of canned soup
- Toilet paper
- Pasta sauce

ADVENT HOUSE MEAL

A lunch of sub sandwiches, chips and juice was provided at Advent House on May 19. Our next meal there will be July 28. 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 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)

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!

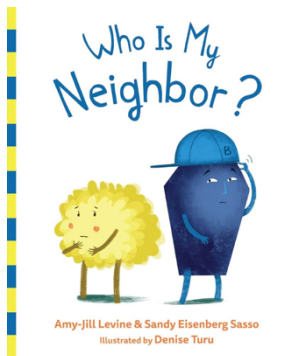
HOW TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS



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!

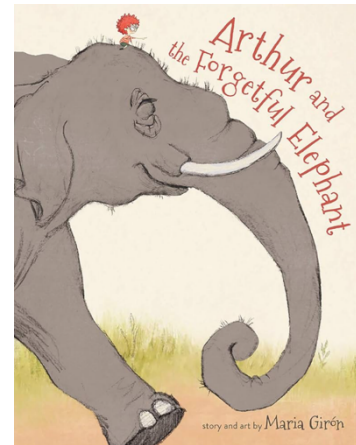
Check Out Some of the New Children's Books In Our Library!



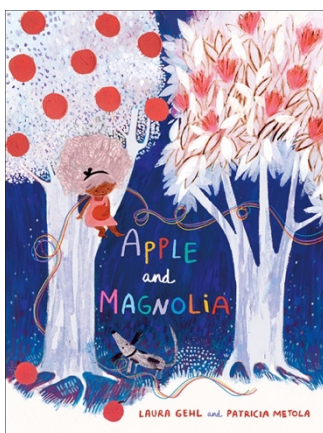
“Who Is My Neighbor?” by Amy-Jill Levine
A story that teaches kids to embrace each other’s differences in a way that all kids can understand (a retelling of the parable of The Good Samaritan).
Here is a Coloring Page – share your pictures with Ms. Megan!

https://www.flyawaybooks.com/_files/ugd/626aae_f19494d68dcb4fa89183894ce55e5c46.pdf

“Arthur and the Forgetful Elephant” by Maria Girón
...compassion and togetherness can make even elephant-sized problems seem a little smaller. You can deep dive into memory loss (Alzheimer’s) for a guided discussion:

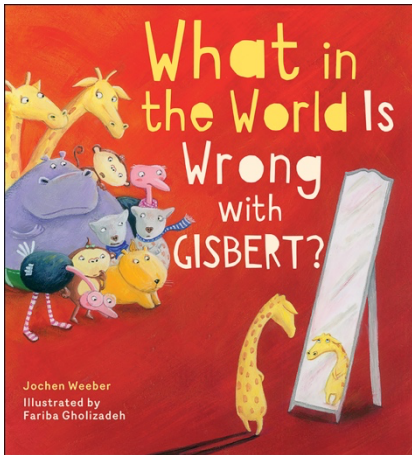


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“Apple and Magnolia” by Laura Gehl & Patricia Metola.
Explore the bonds between all living things – you can deep dive into how trees communicate with each other – a downloadable discussion guide is available here:

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“What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?” by Jochen Weeber.

An insightful book that teaches about the consequences of bullying and the power of friendship.



BOOMERS AND BEYOND –

Wednesday, June 19th at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

The next Boomers and Beyond luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 12:00 noon in the parlor. We had a great turnout in May with both regulars and newcomers! If you haven't had lunch with us yet, this might be the time to try it. Summer is around the corner, snowbirds are home, and we are still serving up a delicious meal of soup, salads, and dessert each month (and don't forget great conversation with friends, old and new). If you would like to come but can't get to the church, please let us know. We will try to find a ride for you. If you have questions, call Kathe Smith or Beverly Phillips. We hope to see you there!

TLC –

Thursday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m.

TLC will meet on Thursday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m. This month we will be going to Boston's Restaurant. It is located at 3301 Centre Blvd. in Lansing (at the back western side of Eastwood Towne Center). 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.

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NOTES

Mission Notes

Mission funds were sent to the City Rescue Mission and ACT Uganda this month.



ACT Uganda

MUSIC – Muko Uganda String Instruments for Children

Through MUSIC, ACT envisions developing a community-based performing string orchestra. In July 2012, recorders, instructional books, and lessons were given to seventy orphans to teach them to read music. In May 2013, six violins, books, music stands and supplies were taken to

Uganda and used to train older children and adults as leaders of string instruments playing. Since then, over 86 string instruments have been donated by individuals, music programs and vendors. Our vision is to combine the traditional orchestral works of the Western world and the tribal and popular works of Africa, representing our partnership. Since the beginning, efforts have also been made to support the music department at Muko High School.

How are we accomplishing this?

Keneth Nahabwe, our Music Teacher in Muko Sub County is learning to play violin, viola, and cello over Zoom lessons with Karen Viele in Michigan. Keneth developed interest in music and arts in Senior One (~ age 13) and started performing in Senior Four (~ age 16) in drama, dance, instrumental and chorals. He studied music, dance, and drama from National Teachers College with full government sponsorship which he completed in 2019. Keneth conducts classes at Muko High School, Murole Preparatory School, and the ACT Empowerment Centre.

FAIR TRADE



Pecans are available at the Fair-Trade Table for \$6.00 a bag or contact Carol Wallace.

A Future for Black Farmers

We're proud to source our pecans from Cypress Pond, a for-profit farm affiliated with a network of civil rights and community organizations working in southwest Georgia since the 1960s. These pecans are grown on land once owned by the largest slave owner in Georgia, now owned by descendants of slaves. New Communities was founded in 1969 as a farm collective to provide a safe haven for black farmers and became one of the original models for community land trusts in the United States. Buying these pecans supports black farmers, civil rights, and community development.



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
9:30AM
PRIME TIME LOUNGE
HANNAH COMMUNITY CENTER
819 ABBOT RD., EAST LANSING
DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR COFFEE SUPPLIES**

Proud Coffee Hour is a discussion and networking group for LGBTQ+ older adults. This is also a great time to tell Prime Time staff about your needs as seniors in the community and how we can best support you!

Bring your own coffee of choice or select from our options and use our Keurig. We also welcome you to bring snacks to share!

East Lansing Prime Time Seniors' Program, Vintage Pride 45+ and Salus Center are partnering to bring more programming to the greater Lansing area for LGBTQ+ older adults.

Questions? Contact us at (517) 337-1113 or elprimetime@cityofeastlansing.com



**Vintage
Pride 45+**

Peer-led support group for
LGBTQIA+ adults ages 45 and older

SHARE YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR PHOTOS



YOU HAVE TALENT and we want to know about it.

When you have a performance, a game, or an exhibit, please tell your church family, so if we are available, we can come cheer you on and be wowed by your abilities. There is a Talent Calendar on the long table in the elevator lobby, so share the when and where and your name so we can come see you in action or talk to you afterwards about it. We also would love to have photos of any events you participate in. Please submit any photos to Prince Solace, psolace@lansingfirstpres.org



HOPE IN ONE GOLF OUTING

Advent House Ministries and North Westminster Presbyterian Church have announced their 10th annual Hope in One Golf Outing on August 7. The event raises funds for the collaborative ministries, which serve the poor and homeless with the only weekend day shelter in the area. The event will be at the Groesbeck Golf Course in Lansing and is need of participants as well as sponsors. Anyone interested should contact North Westminster Presbyterian Church at 517-484-8433 or Advent House at 517-485-4722 for the details. The deadline to register is July 26.



“This is a special year, and we will be recognizing those who have been a part of the event for 8 or 9 years, and your congregation is one of them. We appreciate your ongoing support which has raised over \$50,000 for the missions of Advent House and Northwestminister Presbyterian. On August 7, 2024, at Groesbeck we will highlight you in the program and in announcements and hope you will be there to be recognized for your support over the years. Thanks again.”

CHURCH FAMILY

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION:

In care facilities:

Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)

Dianne Rector (Rosewood Manor in DeWitt)



"O' God, we lift to you in prayer our friends who are ill, whom we now commend to your compassionate regard. We pray that you bless these friends with your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in your loving name."

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01	Jose Aste	6/15	Jean Fellows
6/01	Sharon Carr	6/15	Victor Showalter
6/02	Janet Metzelaar	6/16	Mark Fellows
6/03	Georges Mackoul	6/17	Trevor Coffey
6/03	Abigail Grill	6/17	Deanna Kennedy
6/03	Tanner Kennedy	6/24	Benjamin English
6/05	Cheri Ayers	6/25	Kaedyn Bales
6/05	Hannah Schor	6/26	Daniel Ayers
6/06	Isabelle Ross	6/27	Sabah Makhoul
6/08	Carol Johnson	6/28	Souad Toomey
6/10	Sam Smith	6/28	Charlie Herrick
6/10	Debbie Warnaar	6/28	John Nashef
6/11	Nadia Cioffi	6/29	Tyler Coffey
6/11	Linda Diepenhorst		
6/14	Jennifer Huelskamp		



We truly want to wish everyone a Happy Birthday and we make every attempt to include every birthday in the Epistle and send a birthday card to each person. If you see we missed someone, please contact the church office, and inform someone of the mistake.

JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, June 2 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30-2:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries 2:30 p.m. Recital – M. Hagle Studio</p> <p>Monday, June 3 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes 6:00 p.m. Area Pastors Lansing</p> <p>Tuesday, June 4 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes</p> <p>Wednesday, June 5 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Thursday, June 6 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes 7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library</p> <p>Friday, June 7 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Sunday, June 9 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries</p> <p>Monday, June 10 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. GIL Classes 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Tuesday, June 11 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee 6:30-9:00 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen</p> <p>Wednesday, June 12 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. GIL Classes 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, June 13 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. NWI Food Distribution 7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library</p> <p>Friday, June 14 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Sunday, June 16 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 18 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes 6:00 p.m. MidMI Photo Officers Mtg 6:30-9:00 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen</p> <p>Wednesday, June 19 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. GIL Classes 12:00 p.m. Boomers/Beyond Lunch 2:30 p.m. Building/Grounds Comm 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Thursday, June 20 6:30 p.m. Capitol City Quilt Guild 7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library</p> <p>Friday, June 21 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room 1:00 p.m. GIL Grad Setup-Chapel 1:00 p.m. GIL Recep setup-Litten 6:30 p.m. GIL Graduation – Chapel 7:30 p.m. GIL Reception – Litten</p> <p>Saturday, June 22 1:00 p.m. Mandela Fellowship</p> <p>Sunday, June 23 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries</p> <p>Monday, June 24 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. GIL Classes 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Tuesday, June 25 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. GIL Classes 6:30-9:00 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen</p> <p>Wednesday, June 26 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. GIL Classes 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p> <p>Thursday, June 27 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. NWI Food Distribution 1:00 p.m. Bridge in the Parlor 7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library</p> <p>Friday, June 28 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room 1:00 p.m. Mandela Fellowship</p>
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<p>Monday, June 17 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. GIL Classes 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room</p>	<p>Sunday, June 30 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries</p>
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