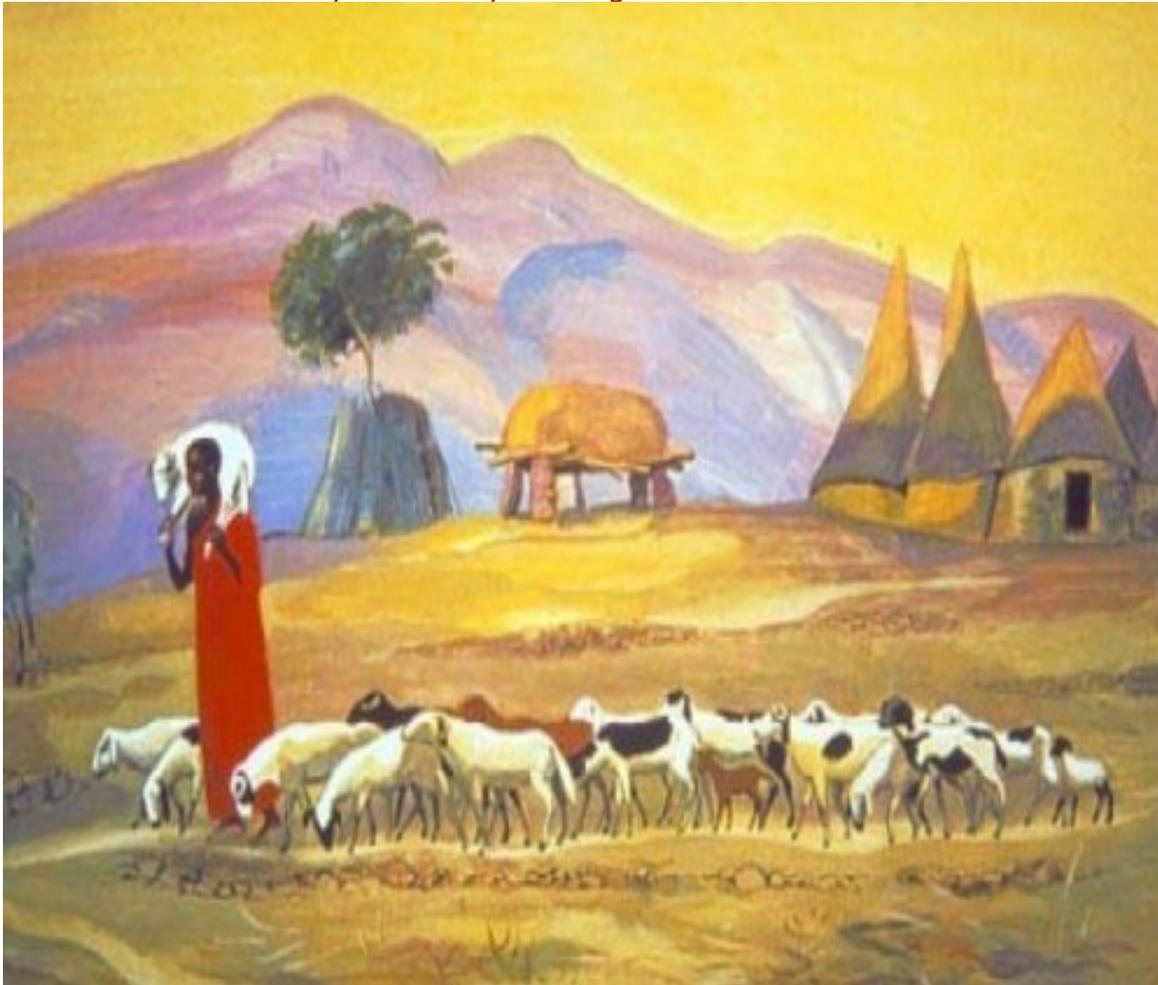


 KALAMAZOO
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"A Sanctuary in the City... Living Faith"



"The Good Shepherd" from "The Life of Jesus: An African Interpretation by the Mafa people in Cameroon (1970s)

Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.... I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep"* (John 10:11, 14-15).

MAY 8, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE GATHERING

*Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here—with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today—as we worship God, who welcomes us all!
You are invited to listen for God's Spirit speaking to you through the music of the Prelude, as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.
Let us worship God.

PRELUDE

“Songs My Mother Taught Me “

from *114 Songs*

Songs my mother taught me in the days long vanished,
Seldom from her eyelids were the teardrops banished, were the teardrops banished.

Now I teach my children each melodious measure;
often tears are flowing, flowing from my memory's treasure.

*DOXOLOGY (tune #607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* OPENING RESPONSES

We gather in the presence of God, our Mother,
**where grieving people and children with skinned knees have their tears
wiped way.**

Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling with tension and anxiety,
**we gather to find that place of peace, in the loving open embrace God offers to
us.**

We gather around the Font and Table of God,
**where God feeds us with grace and wonder, where God pours the living waters
upon us.**

* HYMN#44

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

William P. Rowan

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have no time for rest, or to sit by calm still waters of grace, or find the right paths to follow, and so we hurt people with our words and deeds; we turn away from the One who seeks to feed us with goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness, as we offer our prayers, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Yet, you gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice. The goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ follows us as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him.

Prayer continues in silence

SUNG RESPONSE

“Behold, Behold”

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you, and starting from today. Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ, the Way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please stand and take a moment to share Christ’s peace with others, respecting personal need for distance and levels of comfort.

* GLORIA #583

“Glory to God”

Gloria (Taizé)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE WORD

MOMENT WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

CHILDREN’S BLESSING ##547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Ar Hydy Nos

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, our helper, guide us into and through your word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Old Testament, p. 501

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Parting Friends”

from *The Sacred Harp*

Farewell, my friends, I'm bound for Canaan,
I'm traveling through the wilderness.

I go away, behind to leave you,

Perhaps to never meet again.

But if we never have the pleasure,

I hope we'll meet on Canaan's land.

Your company has been delightful,

You, who doth leave my mind distressed.

I go away, behind to leave you...

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

New Testament, p. 249

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Washed in the Blood"

* **HYMN #490**

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

James H. Wood

THE THANKSGIVING

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

We give thanks to God and live faith, offering ourselves through worship, work, service, and love in all its forms.

OFFERTORY

“Northfield”

from *The Sacred Harp*

How long, dear Savior, O how long shall this bright hour delay?
Fly swiftly round, ye wheels of time, and bring the promised day.

Lo, what a glorious sight appear to our believing eyes.
The earth and sea have passed away, and the old rolling skies.

His own soft hand shall wipe the tears from every weeping eye;
And pains and groans, and griefs and fears, and death itself shall die.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!”

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There are those who have no place to rest; may our gifts provide shelter.

There are those who are parched for justice; may our generosity quench their thirst.

There are those who wander the streets alone and afraid; may our blessings provide a way.

There are those who are in the valleys of suffering; may we offer ourselves as companions on the journey. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

* HYMN #803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need“

Dale Grotenhuis

* BENEDECTION (*Our congregational response is “Alleluia! Amen!”*)

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP

No Youth Group this week.. We will see the 4/5/6 Group on May 15 from 4-5:00 pm and the Youth Group from 5-7:00 pm.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School Enjoy spending time with your Mother.

CHILDREN'S PRAYGROUND

Philosophy of a Prayground

- ◆ We feel it's important for children to be a part of Worship, so that Worship can become a part of their heart language
- ◆ We know children don't always hear best when they're sitting still all the time
- ◆ The intent is to give parents a tool to Worship with their children in a way that makes it easier for families

Ways to use the Prayground

- ◆ Families can sit together in the West Transept
- ◆ Children can take a stretching break during Worship, taking advantage of the various activities available to help quiet their bodies while listening
- ◆ ***The Prayground is not staffed - Please do not leave children unattended.***



OUTREACH

Another Way to Do Justice in 2022

Presbyterian Office of Public Witness supports a minimum wage hike.

As a Mathew 25 church, focused on eradicating systemic poverty, we are called to engage with the world around us by advocating for policies that put an end to injustice and lift up the most marginalized populations.

Raising the minimum wage would lift roughly 1.3 million people, including 600,000 children out of poverty. There is no place in America where a full-time worker making the federal minimum wage can afford rent, food, and other essentials. According to the Economic Policy Institute, even when working full-time and year-round, "one in nine U.S. workers are paid wages that leave them in poverty."

On Sunday, May 15th, you will have the opportunity to sign a petition to initiate legislation to increase the minimum wage to \$12.00 an hour in 2023 (current minimum wage is \$9.87) and then increments of \$1.00 for three years. Supporting the proposed minimum wage increase is consistent with the PC (USA's) Social Creed for the 21st Century.

Ray and Ann Sweany from First United Methodist church who are trained to supervise the gathering of signatures will be in the Gathering Place on May 15th to collect signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering, received this year on June 5th, is one of four special nation-wide offerings received by the PC(USA) each year. This offering connects us with children, youth, and young adults - each with gifts to share - and offers them opportunities to build a solid foundation of faith to last a lifetime! Forty percent stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Twenty-five percent supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service. Twenty-five percent supports denomination-wide ministries with youth. And ten percent is devoted to support improved education and safe havens for children at-risk. Checks for the Pentecost Offering should be made out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line, and can be given anytime between now and June 5. A special envelope will be included in the June 5 bulletin.

CROP HUNGER WALK HELP!

You can support Church World Service (CWS) in their work in providing nutrition to babies so they can develop properly, helping families develop gardens and farms to feed themselves and add to their finances, and to assist during disasters/refugee resettlements. Invest in our neighbors locally and around the world. Cash and checks made out to "CWS" will be accepted in the Gathering Place before or after Worship on Sunday. Online gifts can be made at: events.crophungerwalk.org/2002/event/kalamazoomi Go to Teams, Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church, to contribute to "our team".

NEW: WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: SAILBOAT CHURCH.

For the early Christians, the church was a God-powered, God-led, God-resourced adventure. They depended on the Spirit to provide what was needed to do God's work. The gifts and resources of the Holy Spirit that were promised to the first Christians following Jesus' resurrection are still available to the church and to those who wish to serve God. God is still "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us. (Ephesians. 3:20) You are invited to be part of this God-powered, God-led, God-resourced adventure. We will read and discuss Joan S. Gray's book, *Sailboat Church*. This is a four-week class that meets on Thursday mornings, beginning April 21st at 9:30 (coffee) and 9:45 (discussion and prayer) in Room 314. Pat Stromsta will facilitate this class. Books, which include 40 days of prayers, quotations from Scripture, and brief reflection questions are recommended, but not necessary.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Family Vacation Bible School will be held in the evenings of August 4th & 5th. Details to follow.

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COVID UPDATE

We continue to follow CDC guidelines, informed by low community spread and rate of hospitalization in our area. That said, we know of a couple of people who have worshipped with us recently and tested positive immediately thereafter. Their symptoms are not severe—in line with the current variant and vaccination. As we encourage each person to make a wise decision, here are current guidelines:

- Masks are always welcome among us (though not mandated)—it remains a leading way to prevent infection. By consensus of participants, the choir will continue singing with masks.
- If you are at a high risk for severe illness, consult a healthcare provider about your need to wear a mask, and other precautions.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if you have symptoms.
- People with symptoms or a positive test should follow CDC guidelines for self-isolation.

As ever, please respect those whose circumstances and choices may differ from your own.

DEACONS' PRAYERS

One of the great gifts of a community of faith is that we take time and intention to pray for one another. This week, we pray for Aedin Clements and the parish group listed below, that they may feel God's presence and power in their lives. Next week, we'll pray for another Deacon and parish group.

Bonnie Ayotte
Laura Boersma
Michael Boersma
Caitlin Brooks
Thomas and Susan Brooks
Gary and Logan Brown
Nancy Chandler
Catharine Cook
Daniel and Patricia Corse
David and Ginny Dell
Sandra and Guy Dennehy
Alan and Lana Griffin
Elizabeth and Andrew Hamilton
Douglas, Anjanette, Mackenzie, and Alexandria
Jonas

Carla Kennedy and Thomas DeHaan
Sargon and Mary Nazarians
Ann and Donald Parfet
Linda Dalrymple
Susan and Rem Jejong
Rollin, Crystal, and Todd Richman
Gregory and Joanne Russell
Jennalie Shepherd
Jeff, Adriane, Becker, and Arden Siefert
Pamela Tritsch
Phyllis Youse

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PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Amber Nettleton
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Meredith Alspach

Acolyte

Gary Zandt

Reader

Ruth Moser

Greeters

Paul Minert
Ruth Minert

Sound

Sound Team members

Music

Adult Choir
Carl Witt, Director
Autumn, Organist

WEDNESDAY NOON PRAYER

... continues! Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship.

Glory and Thanksgiving to our Mothers, near and far and those who have gone before us. We love you and celebrate you!
Flowers for the Sanctuary have been graciously provided by
Dave & Ginny Dell

BABY SHOWER

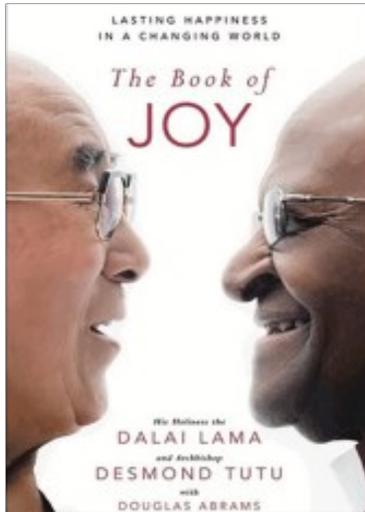
You are invited to participate in a Baby Shower for our new friends from Afghanistan. We will welcome two new babies in May. The Salarzai family, which our church is sponsoring, will welcome a baby boy, and our interpreter, Obaid, and his wife are also expecting a child.

We are so grateful and blessed to be working with these lovely people and want to support them at this exciting but demanding time in their lives. The Sponsorship Team will gather to celebrate the birth of the new babies in June. Meanwhile, we would like to provide them with the necessities for the first month after the babies arrive. If you have any of the following items, or would like provide these families with basic necessities for a newborn, please let us know. We will provide the families with a Pack-N-Play for the babies to sleep in. There is a baby bassinet set up in the Gathering Place to receive your gifts.

Thank you for your support.

- Car Seats (for infants)
- Strollers
- Blankets
- Sheets for a Pack-N-Play
- Infant Bathing tub
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Basic clothing for babies, newborn to 6 months.
- Onesies
- Socks
- Diapers (disposable)
- Gift cards to Meijer or Target

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THE BOOK OF JOY

We know that deep joy, enduring happiness, can't be found in any single achievement, fame, or fortune. The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu spent a week together as friends. They traded intimate stories, teased each other, and shared their spiritual practices. Douglas Abrams was along for the ride and was asked by them to compose a book based on their conversation. From obstacles to joy—fear, stress, anger, grief, illness, death—to eight pillars of joy, they offer insights from personal stories, wisdom, and science. We'll meet for seven weeks to reflect on this book together. *The Book of Joy* (New York: Avery, 2016) can be found through your favorite local bookseller or Amazon. Here below is the schedule for our reading each week, meeting on Tuesdays at noon in the Library, beginning May 10. Please contact Pastor Seth Weeldreyer with any questions.

May 10	Pages 1-49	May 17	Pages 51-92
May 24	Pages 93-134	May 31	Pages 135-188
June 7	Pages 191-222	June 14	Pages 223-262
June 21	Pages 263-305		

MEMORIAL SERVICE

- We will share a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Nancy Boutelle, on Tuesday, May 10, at 3:00 p.m.
- We will share a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Elsie Johnson, on Saturday, May 28, at 11:00 a.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY: JUNE 5TH

Join us for a youth-led Worship service with our graduates presenting their senior sermons. Details to follow.

PARTNERS IN HOUSING TRANSITION

Partners in Housing Transition, which supplies free household goods to formerly homeless families and families living below the poverty guidelines in Kalamazoo County, need pots and pans and sets of dishes. Gently used items are accepted!

Donors may bring items to St Luke's Episcopal Church, 247 W. Lovell Street, on Saturday, May 14th, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Volunteers will be available to take donations curbside at the office wing behind the church.

For further information about the Partners in Housing program, please visit www.partnersinhousingtransition.com or call the Partners office on 269-385-2466.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE CONCERT

David LaMotte, **May 21, 7 p.m.** Concert in the Sanctuary



DAVID LAMOTTE STORY TELLING WORKSHOP

Community Building Through

Sharing Our Stories:

May 22, at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room

David LaMotte has taught poetry and songwriting workshops and classes to groups from middle school through master's degree classes the workshop is free of charge to church members and friends..

Register for
FREE
WORKSHOP
please use the QR code
<https://tinyurl.com/27723t4f>



PRAYER: WHY PRAY?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY?

HOW DO I PRAY?

**Sundays, May 1, 8, 15, and 29,
after Worship, in Room 300
with Pastor Chrissy**

Prayer is something Christians believe is important: morning prayers, dinner prayers, bedtime prayers, and of course, prayer in public worship, are all important. Still, we often have questions about prayer. Why do Christians pray? If God knows what we need, why should we ask? How should we pray? What is the power of prayer? Perhaps you wonder if your prayer requests are for the right things. What should Christians pray for if a friend is terminally ill? A healing prayer? A miracle? Can we pray for a salary raise or for our favorite sports team to win? Is this what prayer is for? Are our concerns God's concerns?

In this class, we will look at different views Christians have about prayer. We will study Christian prayer from a Biblical perspective, using the book of Psalms and other passages, and from a historical Christian perspective. Handouts will be provided to participants by Pastor Chrissy.



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Let's share a meal together!! PICNIC IN THE PARK

ALL - Congregational
Picnic in the Park
JUNE 5th



All Congregational 'Picnic in the Park' June 5, immediately following Worship:

- Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to the dining room before Worship.
- The Congregational Life Committee will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and table service.
- Please bring your lawn chair or blanket for the Bronson Park knoll.
(If inclement weather, the picnic will be in the dining room.)

PINE ISLAND GARDEN UPDATE

Planting has begun at Hope Garden on our Pine Island Campus. Planting of 150 Lbs. of seed potatoes began this past week.; followed by tomatoes, sweet corn, raspberries, green beans, sweet peppers, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, zucchini and many other veggies that, once again this summer, will be donated to Loaves and Fishes to be distributed to those in need in our community. We will again this year work in partnership with Chubby Goat Acres for our discarded veggies. We hope that with a favorable growing season we will exceed last year's total harvest of 5,150 lbs. donated to Loaves and Fishes.



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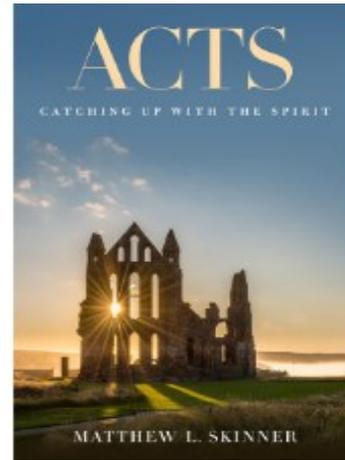
CATCHING UP WITH THE SPIRIT: A STUDY OF ACTS

Thursdays, May 19 – June 23, 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 314/315,
The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven. In *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*, author and Biblical scholar Matthew Skinner provides a broad, yet theologically attuned introduction to this important book and its story of the early church learning to bear witness about God's salvation through Jesus Christ. Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

Join Pastor Chrissy for this deep-dive into the book of Acts.

The book can be ordered on Amazon or through your favorite local bookseller! If you need assistance in getting the book, contact Pastor Chrissy.

<https://www.amazon.com/Acts-Catching-up-with-the-Spirit-Matthew-Skinner/dp/1501894552>



Outdoor

White Elephant Sale



Saturday, May 14

(Rain Date: May 21)

9:00am - 2:00pm

People's Church of Kalamazoo
1758 N 10th St,
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

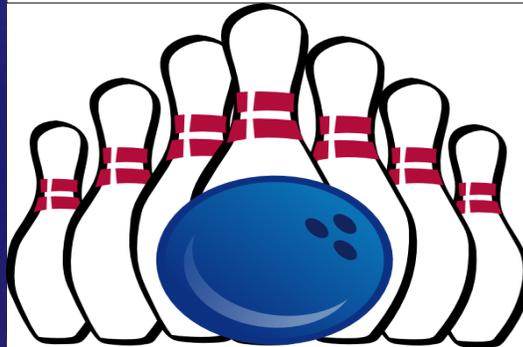
- Household décor • Kitchen items
- Small furnishings • Children's toys
- Books • And More!

50% of proceeds to benefit Afghan refugee families recently settled here.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Young Adult group will meet at **7:00 p.m. on May 20** for bowling! To be added to the email list for this group, please contact Meredith: meredith@fpckzoo.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class of 2022



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We want to celebrate with all of our 2022 graduates —high school, college, graduate school, and trade school! Did you or your child or grandchild who has connections to FPC graduate this year? Send an email to Pastor Chrissy with their name, where they are graduating from, and what their plans are for whatever is next, along with a photo.

On June 5 we will celebrate and recognize our graduates in Worship!

WE ARE HOSTING PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Lake Michigan will meet in our church on Tuesday, June 14. We need volunteers to help greet guests and ensure that the meeting runs smoothly. Particular roles include parking / entry doors, indoor directing, process of checking in, and food preparation. The busiest period will be 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., with diminished activity through early afternoon. Please contact Becky Demcovitz if you are willing to help! (demcovitz@msn.com)

TAIZÉ WORSHIP

This style of worship fosters a more contemplative spirit, including readings and prayers interspersed with silence and singing, led by piano. Sitting in a circle around candles, is a simpler, centering way to share worship. Come, give it a try on **Sunday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Transept of our Sanctuary!**

GREEN PRESBYTERIANS

The Green Presbyterians committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.** in the library. Anyone interested in helping protect the environment and educate others on doing so is welcome to attend. The more the merrier!

NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASS

Do you want to know more about the mission and history of our church, meet a few staff members, hear about various areas of ministry, and connect with others? All are welcome to a membership exploration class following Worship on May 15. We will gather in Room 314/315 to share stories and next steps on the path to membership. New members will be welcomed and celebrated during Worship and the church picnic on Sunday, June 5. All are welcome!

TENTATIVE WEEKLY CALENDAR

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Today, May 8

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
10:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*
11:00 a.m. Adult Class: "Why Pray?", *Room 300*

Monday, May 9

12:00 p.m. A.A., *Room 314-315*
1:00 p.m. Card Ministry, *Craft Room*
6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Meeting
7:00 p.m. Scouts, *Dining Room/ Room 102*
7:00 p.m. Health Ministry Committee, *Archives*

Tuesday, May 10

All Day Stitches, *Sewing Room*
7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship, *Archives*
10:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Archives*
12:00 p.m. The Book of Joy, *Library*
2:00 p.m. Interment of Doris Jackson, *Columbarium*
3:00 p.m. Memorial Service Nancy Boutelle, *Sanctuary*
6:00 p.m. Green Presbyterians, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee, *Zoom*

Wednesday, May 11

12:00 p.m. Prayer Service, *Sanctuary*
3:00 p.m. Martha Circle, *Gathering Place*
5:00 p.m. Celebrate the Vision, *Dining Room*
6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting, *Archives*
7:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting, *Archives*

Thursday, May 12

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, *Room 314*
12:00 p.m. A.A., *Room 315*
12:00 p.m. Library Work Time, *Library*
12:00 p.m. Presbytery Leadership Meeting, *Gathering Place*
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, *Room 116*
6:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Committee, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, *Gathering Place*
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, *Archives*
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation, *Zoom*

Friday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Helen Ferrando Memorial Service Reception, *Gathering Place*
11:00 a.m. Helen Ferrando Memorial Service, *Sanctuary*

Sunday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Child Care & Toddlers, *Rooms 208/211*
10:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*
10:15 a.m. Church School, *Third Floor*
11:15 a.m. Refugee Meeting, *Room 301*

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UPCOMING WORSHIP— 10:00 a.m.

May 15

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
John 13:31-35; Acts 9:1-20

May 29

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Chrissy Westbury
Acts 1:1-11; John 17:20-26

May 22

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
David LaMotte
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Luke 10:25-37

June 5

Pentecost Sunday
Kalamazoo First Presbyterian
Youth

*Grounded in living faith, receiving diversity as a gift, we seek to reflect
Christ's light in God's world. Continually discerning God's vision of grace and peace,
we share inspirational worship, spiritual nurture, compassionate service
to others, and the pursuit of justice—all to the glory of God.*