First Things

We're Everybody's Church.
What does that really mean?

As Everybody's Church, we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the participation of all people of any ability, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Statement of Discipleship

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we live and grow in God's Word as peacemakers, faithful stewards, and compassionate neighbors.

Today's Events

Youth and CrossWalks

All Abilities Inclusion Ministry

Childcare available:

Infant-Walkers ..... Room 109/111
2 year olds ..... Room 102
Worship Wonder (3 and 4 year olds) ..... Room 217-218
K-5th Grade ..... Calvin Hall, then return for communion
6th-8th Grade..... Youth Room

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
8:30	Youth Sub Sandwich Fundraiser	Calvin Hall
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00	Middle Schoolers	Youth Room
11:15	"We Make the Road By Walking"	Fireside Room
11:15	Youth Choir (5th - 12th Gr.)	New Song
12:01pm	12:01 Start Worship	Knox Aud.
2:00	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Aud.

Did You Know?

Please be sure to pick up your super bowl subs after church in Calvin hall. You can also have a sub made if you didn't order early. A donation of $8 per sub will help our youth go on a spiritual retreat in 2017.

Stewardship 2017...It's Not Over

Yes, Stewardship Sunday is past but stewardship isn't over. Stewardship is a year-long event. Your financial support, along with your participation in FPC's many activities involving mission, inclusion and community, is needed every day. For those of you that completed a pledge card, thank you. For those of you who continue to give weekly, thank you. If you would like to pledge online, please visit our website under "Giving." FPC needs your support to meet its mission to be "Everybody's Church."

Mission

Lenten Devotional 2017

Revised Due Date is February 19

Presbyterian Women will again collect, organize, print, and distribute a collection of daily devotions for the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. We invite you to share a personal devotion, a reflection, a story about a time when you felt God's presence in your life: we need 48! A How-to Guide to Writing a Devotional is available in various spots around the church or on the website. Please visit our website (pw.fpcbirmingham.org/lenten-devotions) for more information and to submit a devotion and email devotionals to Charlotte Fischer at cfischer50@gmail.com.

South Oakland Shelter Week is February 19 – 26

Sign-up sheets are posted on wall across from Calvin Hall. You can also visit the FPC website and sign up via Sign Up Genius. The two will be synced every couple days onto the Calvin sign-up sheets. Let's give our homeless guests a home for a week and give them the confidence they deserve to move forward in their lives! Any questions please call Mark Grobbel at 248-258-9267. Thank you in advance!

Give the Gift of Literacy!

We have now planted 9 Little Free Libraries in Detroit and Pontiac, and we are looking forward to planting more soon. But we are in need of lots of children's books to stock these libraries. Please consider donating contemporary or quality classic, new or gently used children's books (Pre-K through 6th grade) to the Little Free Libraries project. Books can be placed in the Donation Center near the Welcome Center.

Deacons Pantry Benefits Angel's Place in February

Angel's Place provides people-centered services, including homes and professional support for adults with developmental disabilities. Angel's Place is grateful for any donations. The most needed items right now are: low sugar canned fruit, low sodium canned vegetables, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper. Place donations for Angel's Place on the metal shelves in the Donation Center.

Stephen Ministers are here for YOU!

A quiet listener can help you to sort through the current concerns you are having on your life's journey. Connect with a Stephen Minister. Call Joanne Blair (248.644.2040 x128) or Barb Linnenbrink (719.331.1079) or stop by the chapel after either service.

Inclusion

Rejoicing Spirits

Our next services are February 12 and 26 at 5pm with dinner following. Come for lively worship, meet new friends, and experience community. Rejoicing Spirits meets twice a month at 5pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, September—April.

Whom Do You Know?

God knows us by name but we all need help in knowing each other. You can help others by wearing a nametag. The nametag boards are in Calvin Hall and those using the Maple Road entrance to the church can store their tags in the basket near the chapel entrance. To request a new or replacement tags leave a note on the clipboard on the table in the main hallway or by contacting Barbara at 248.333.1985 or beruss@umich.edu.

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Community

Advent By Candlelight Organizational Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 5:30pm, Room 141-142

There will be a meeting to keep Advent By Candlelight alive on February 9. Anyone interested in coming to this organizational meeting, please come. If you have questions call Maggie Garza or Sally Zimmerman.

Taste the Bread

Sunday, February 12, 11am & Tuesday, February 14, 6pm, Martha's Table

Our communion preparation class for second graders and others who want to participate will be led by Dr. John Judson and Cindy Merten. Contact Cindy to reserve your spot, 248.644.2040 x145 or email cindymerten@fpcbirmingham.org.

Senior Adventures

Wednesday, March 5, 10am-3pm, DuMochelle Auction House, Detroit

Join us to learn the fascinating secrets of this premier auction house in Detroit. Starting with a tea and lecture, then a tour of the galleries, we will enjoy one of Detroit's treasures. Lunch after at Bobcat Bonnie's in Corktown (separate checks). Sign up outside Calvin Hall - limited seating. Questions? Call Dana Layman (248.877.0083) or Marge Hendrick (248.293.0011).

Youth Programs

Middle school students join us in the youth room (when the younger church is called forward in worship) for snacks and a Bible lesson (10am-11am). High school youth group meets every Sunday 6-7:30pm with a different format every week of the month! To receive update emails about events, send @Midschool and/or @HighSchool to bethany@everybodyschurch.org.

First Presbyterian Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center

The First Presbyterian Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center offers age-defined developmental early learning programs for children age 4 months through young three year olds. In addition, we offer three and four year old preschool classes, three and four year old enrichment classes, a five year old pre-kindergarten program with a variety of extended day choices. Please contact the Director, Heidi Wilkinson, for more information about classes, arranging a tour and/or how to register at 248.644.2040 ext. 124 or by email at HandinHand@everybodyschurch.org

Ongoing Community Groups

All are welcome to join these groups.

- **Youth Choir** (Sundays) 11:15am, New Song Studio, Youth 5th-12th Grade. Sue Kohns, Director
- **Knitting Ministry** (Mondays) 10am, Fireside Room. Contact Judy Gillow, 248.758.9569. Come join others who knit and crochet shawls, baby blankets and other projects.
- **Two Year Bible Trek Class** (Mondays) 10am, Calvin Hall. Dr. Judson is leading his Two Year Bible Trek where participants read the Bible in two years.
- **Tuesday Mid-Morning Bible Study** Weekly 8:45am Library, Studying the Book of John
- **Tuesday Morning Book Club** (3rd Tuesday) February 21: *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunk
- **Tuesday Evening Book Club** (2nd Tuesday) 7pm, Fireside Room. Not meeting in February. March 14: *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan
- **Fun, Fitness & Fellowship** (Tuesday & Thursday) 10am in Youth Room, A Sam Freeman video stretching and strengthening exercise class.
- **Adult Fitness Class with Pam Smith** (Monday & Friday) 9:30-10:30am, Room 212-213. Call Pam with questions at 248.632.2355.
- **FPC Ringers Hand Bell Choir** (Tuesdays) rehearsals 7-8:30pm. Contact Andrew Herbruck for more information.
- **FPC Trombone Choir** (Tuesdays) rehearsals 7:30 - 9pm in the Sanctuary. This choir plays in worship a few times a year. Low brass players with medium-advanced high school playing proficiency. Contact Ben Kohns for more info at FPCTbones@gmail.com or 810.348.8168.
- **Bible Study** (Third Wednesday), February 15, Bible Study led by Dr. John Judson at 9:30am in Calvin Hall. Men and women welcome. The Bible Study is Horizons: *"Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes."* Call Kim McGlynn for more information at 248.644.2040 x138 or email kimmcglynn@fpcbirmingham.org.
- **Chancel Choir** (Wednesdays) rehearsals 7-9pm, in sanctuary, college students through adults. This SATB choir provides weekly music ministry during worship on Sundays. Contact Andrew Herbruck for more info at andrewherbruck@everybodyschurch.org.
- **Children's Choirs** (Wednesdays)
  Music Makers (Preschoolers), 4:45-5:15pm, in the Youth Room
  Chapel Choir (grades K-4), 4:45-5:30pm, New Song
- **Untapped Questions** *(*3rd Thursdays*) February 16, 7pm @ Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Rd, Birmingham*
- **Lunch and Learn** (3rd Thursdays) *February 16, 11:30am-1pm, Calvin Hall.* Drawing upon her mentoring by a Civil War scholar as a child, Diane Bert will tell about the experiences, events and people who shaped the life of Abraham Lincoln and helped him develop into the leader he became as President during the Civil War.
- **Men's Bible & Brew** (Third Thursdays) *February 16 5:45pm, Fred Leydorf's home,* $5 for dinner. RSVP to Fred at 248.646.5597 or eurocar@juno.com. Call Stan Evans at 248.433.0852 for more information about the group.

Additional Information

Ask an Usher (accessibility assistance):
See an usher for hearing aid devices, large-print bulletins, cushions and hymnals. There are rocking chairs in the lobby for restless infants, and child care is offered at each service.

Hearing Aid Connectivity with Loop
Please sit in the middle of the pew if you have a hearing aid for the best sound experience in our sanctuary.

Staying Connected
We are happy to mail copies of First Things to anyone who needs a copy. Names and addresses should be given to Jan Peters.

Photography/Video
From time to time we may be taking video or photography in the Sanctuary, Chapel and other parts of the church (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast images or a likeness that may be taken of you for use in communication related to the church. If you do not wish to have your image included in any of our communications, please contact Dr. Judson.

Community-Wide Events

Lay Caregiver Workshops by Samaritan Counseling
Designed to support and educate participants. Workshops at Nardin Park Methodist Church from 2:30-4:30pm. Register by the Wednesday prior at 248.474.4701. $15/ participant
Sunday, February 19, 2:30-4:30pm "Supporting Children Struggling in School"

Comparative Judaism Series
Join us as we take an in-depth exploration of the similarities and differences between Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Humanistic Judaism. The second is at Temple Beth El: *Wednesday, February 8, 9am -Noon.* For more information and to register please visit www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com and click on "Educational Programs."

Missionaries We Support Through First Foundation

Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez are mission co-workers based in Manila, Philippines. They are area coordinators for the PCUSA Southeast Asia interdenominational effort to address issues of migration and human trafficking. You can follow them at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/cathy-chang-and-juan-lopez/
Faith Kasoni is an evangelist and educational advocate of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA), who works with the nomadic Samburu people. We share support for her with the Presbyterian Women of the PCEA and the PCI.

A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation
by Brian D. McLaren

Please read the Chapter 23 for this week

Part II Alive in the Adventure of Jesus, Chapter 23: Jesus and the Multitudes

Scripture readings: Ezekiel 34:1-31; Luke 5:17-32, 18:15-19:9

Questions:

1. What one thought or idea from today's lesson especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped or surprised you?
2. Share a story about a time when you felt like one of the multitude, or when you behaved like one of the Pharisees.
3. How do you respond to the stories of Jesus engaging with "the multitudes" and the Pharisees in this chapter?
4. For children: Think of one of the children in your class who is the least popular or who seems to have the fewest friends. What do you think that child wishes other children would do for him or her?
5. Activate: Make an opportunity this week to spend time with some member of "the multitude."
6. Meditate: Think of some group of people you normally turn away from. Imagine them, in silence, and repeat these words: "They are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Notice what happens to your heart as you do so.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 6

9:15am	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	Pam Smith - Adult Exercise Class	212/213
10:00	Read Through the Bible	Calvin Hall
10:00	Knitting Ministry	Fireside Room
6:30pm	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Auditorium
7:00	Worship Ministries Meeting	Library
8:30	AA/Al-anon	216-220

Tuesday, February 7

8:45am	Bible Study	Library
9:15	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	IAM Class	220
10:00	Fun, Fitness & Fellowship	Youth Room
7:00pm	Diversity/Inclusion Ministries	141/142
7:00	Handbell Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Wednesday, February 8

9:15am	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	PW CT Meeting	141/142
10:00	Women's 12 Steps & Beyond	220
4:45pm	Chapel Choir (K-4th)	New Song Studio
4:45	Music Makers (3 & 4 Yr. Olds)	Youth Room
7:00	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

9:15am	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	Covenant	Fireside Room
10:00	Fun, Fitness & Fellowship	Youth Room
10:00	AA Women	141-144
6:30pm	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Auditorium
7:00 PM	IAM Class	220

Friday, February 10

9:15am	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	Pam Smith - Adult Exercise Class	212/213
10:30	HIH Teacher Meeting	Calvin Hall
5:00pm	Chicago Confirmation Trip	Off Site

Saturday, February 11

8:00am	We Make the Road by Walking	141/142
10:00	FTG - Set Construction	Knox Auditorium
5:00pm	Chicago Confirmation Trip	Off Site

Sunday, February 12

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00	Middle Schoolers	Youth Room
11:15	"We Make the Road By Walking"	Fireside Room
11:15	Communion Class	Martha's Table
11:15	Youth Choir (5th - 12th Gr.)	New Song Studio
12:01pm	12:01 Start Worship	Knox Auditorium
2:00	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Auditorium
5:00	Rejoicing Spirits (followed by Dinner)	Sanctuary Calvin Hall
6:00	High School Youth Group	Youth Room

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