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-1st Grade .....Biblical Bytes
2nd-3rd Grade..... Temple School
4th Grade ..... Noah's Art
5th Grade .....Martha's Table
6th-8th Grade.....Youth Room

8:00am	Flu Shots	Calvin Hall
8:30	Worship	Chapel
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 Service	Knox Aud.
2:00	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Aud.
5:00	Rejoicing Spirits	Sanctuary
	followed by dinner	Calvin Hall
6:00	High School Youth Group	Youth Room

Did You Know?

New Worship Service Coming to FPC This Fall

Starts today at 12:01pm in Knox Auditorium

Eager to provide an increasingly approachable place of worship, acceptance and spirituality, we created 12:01 Start — a new service that will reflect today's world while remaining rooted in Christian faith and the Reformed tradition. Our goal is to engage with one another, evolve as individuals and a community and elevate our spirituality and understanding of our world and faith. We look forward to seeing you at 12:01 Start.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 23, directly after 10am worship

In this meeting the congregation will elect Elders, Deacons, and members of the Congregational Nominating committee.

Mission

Compassion Bags

Do you know someone in the hospital or rehab or going through treatment? If so, please pick up one of our compassion bags behind the front desk in the Welcome Center and give it to them.

FPC Deacons Pantry Benefits HAVEN in October

HAVEN's mission is to eliminate sexual assault and domestic violence and to empower survivors through advocacy and social change in and around Oakland County. Bring your non-perishable food donations for HAVEN to the Donation Center by the welcome center. They are looking for: sweet and salty snacks, chips, cookies, fruit snacks (no peanuts); granola bars; juice boxes; microwave popcorn; children's cereal - Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Fruity Pebbles, Fruit Loops (no Cheerios); coffee K-cups; individually wrapped candies. Please check expiration dates and make sure original seals are in place before you donate. Thanks!

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 today and October 23 at 5pm, Dinner following worship. 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. There is a dinner after worship.

"Laughter is Good for the Soul"

October 14 from 6:30-8:00pm, Knox Auditorium

Like a good joke? Love to laugh? Join us for dinner and laughs at our annual "Knock-Knocks in Knox." This joyful event is for persons of all ages and abilities as we share jokes, laughter and fellowship. Bring your own jokes or share those supplied at each table. No matter how happy you were when you came in, you will leave even happier, as the event is simply to enjoy each other's company and laugh. Plus, you don't have to cook that night!

Cost $5 per person. RSVP online or sign up in the hallway.

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

Protect Yourself & Others—Get a Flu Shot

Today, 8am-12:30pm, Calvin Hall

The flu shot is being offered by the Visiting Nurses Association. The shot is covered by most insurances. $30 per shot. See poster outside Calvin for more details.

Kenya Mission Project Potluck Supper

Sunday, October 15, 5pm, Knox Auditorium

Join the Kenya mission team on Sunday October 16 for a potluck supper where they will present a video about their trip and share their impressions of the work of the church in Kenya. Bring your favorite dish to share…drinks will be provided.

Deepen Your Faith This Year with We Make the Road by Walking

You are invited to:

Read along – purchase a book in Calvin Hall and follow the reading schedule

Worship – the scriptures from each chapter will be our focus in worship

Discuss – participate in a class or small group to discuss the scriptures and chapters

For more information, or to join a small group, contact amymorgan@everybodyschurch.org

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club Concert

Friday, October 21, 7:30pm, Sanctuary, Tickets $20

This concert is their only off-campus concert this semester. Founded in 1859, The U-M Men's Glee Club is one of the oldest collegiate chorus in the United States and the oldest continually-run student organization on the Michigan campus. Long acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world, the Glee Club has achieved this stature by sustaining and respecting the traditions which have been established during its 155 year history. Tickets can be purchased for $20 in Calvin Hall following worship, online through the church website or by contacting Andrew Herbruck.

Senior Adventures

Wednesday, November 2, 10:30am-2:30pm

Bus trip to St. John's Armenian Church. Join us to see this beautiful church with the gold dome in Southfield and enjoy a tour of the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum where we will learn the legacy of Armenian treasures dating to the 13th century. The fee is $3, Lunch follows at Brady's Tavern (separate checks). Questions, call Marge Hendrick at 248.293.0011.

FTG Presents "Little Women, The Musical"

Fridays and Saturdays, November 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7pm
Sundays, November 13, 20 at 3pm

Kick off this year's holiday season with FTG's musical production of *Little Women*. Based on Louisa May Alcott's American classic, this Civil War story of love and family stands the test of time. Under the direction of Dan Chichester & Sue Kohns and featuring talent from the FPC choir, youth, and greater community, the March family comes to life on the Knox Auditorium stage and promises laughter, tears, and lifting of the spirit!

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 Center is a licensed learning center for children four months through five years. There are still a few spots left in the 2016-17 school year. Please come by for a tour and see what we have to offer including our Young Five Program. Contact Heidi Wilkinson, Director, at 248.644.2040 x124.

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. The class meets Mondays at 10am. Please join us anytime.
- **Tuesday Mid-Morning Bible Study** Weekly 8:45am Library, Studying Hebrews
- **Tuesday Morning Book Club** (3rd Tuesday) October 20: "The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew and the heart of the Middle East" by Sandy Tolan
- **Tuesday Evening Book Club** (2nd Tuesday) 7pm, Fireside Room. October 11: *Heat and Light: A Novel* by Jennifer Haigh
- **Fun, Fitness & Fellowship** (Tuesday & Thursday) 10am in Youth Room, A Sam Freeman video stretching and strengthening exercise class.
- **Adult Fitness Class with Pam Smith** (Tuesday & 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), *October 19, Wednesday 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*) October 20, 7pm, Room 141-142 at church.* On Tap in October – Domestic Violence: Do Something. We'll hear from a survivor of domestic violence and pack "First Night Kits" for HAVEN, a local non-profit helping women escape domestic violence.
- **Lunch and Learn** (3rd Thursdays) *October 20, 11:30am-1pm, Calvin Hall.* Greg Kowalski, historian of Hamtramck and author of books about the city, will tell us about the fascinating history of this city within a city. As an added attraction we will travel by church bus the next day, Friday October 21, for a tour of the city led by Kowalski including the beautiful St. Florian Church and lunch at a Polish restaurant (individual checks for lunch).
- **Men's Bible & Brew** (Third Thursdays) *October 20,* 5:45pm, Mike Basile's home @3365 Newgate, Troy. Dinner is $5. RSVP to Mike 248.642.5160. Call Stan at 248.433.0852 for more information about the group.

Community Wide Events

SOS Benefit: 2016 Dancing with the Detroit Stars
Saturday, November 19, 7pm—Midnight, Townsend Hotel, $200/ticket
This premiere event is filled with dancing, music, a strolling dinner and cocktails, and an exciting silent auction. Metro-Detroit "movers & shakers" will pair up with professional dancers from Arthur Murray Dance Studio for a celebrity dance competition you won't want to miss!

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 for the best sound experience in our sanctuary with a hearing aid.

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.

Missionaries We Support

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/

Rev. Stephen and Angelina Cowan, are mission co-workers from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI). They work with the people of Tuum, Kenya, to improve education, agriculture, training and skills development. They have also opened a boarding school for young women fleeing violence. You can follow them at www.presbyterianireland.org/Mission/People/Stephen-Angelina-Cowan

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 Seven for this week

Part I Alive in the Story of Creation, Chapter Seven: It's Not Too Late

Scripture readings: Genesis 18:9-33, 22:1-14; Micah 6:6-8; Acts 17:19-34

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 almost gave up, but are glad you didn't.
3. What are some critical issues in today's world—or in our personal lives—where we might say "It's too late" or "It's impossible?"
4. For children: What makes you laugh? Why do you think Sarah laughed in this story?
5. Activate: This week, try saying "it's not too late" when you're tempted to be cynical or give up. Or practice the art of "the second laugh." The first laugh come as a reflex when we think something is impossible. The second laugh comes as a choice when we laugh at our lack of faith.
6. Meditate: After a few moments of silence, complete this sentence as your prayer: "Living God, it's not too late to change my mind about…"

Weekly Schedule

Monday, October 10

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
7:00pm	AAIM	141/142
7:00	Staff Relations	144
7:00	Property Care	Fireside Room
7:00	Mission Outreach	Library
8:30	AA/Al-anon	216-220

Tuesday, October 11

8:45am	Bible Study	Library
9:15	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	I AM Class	220
10:00	Fun, Fitness & Fellowship	Youth Room
10:30	WMRW Group	Library (West)
4:30pm	Stephen Ministry	141-144
7:00	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Auditorium
7:00	Tuesday Evening Book Group	Fireside Room
7:00	Hand bell Rehearsal	Choir Rm

Wednesday, October 12

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
7:00	Wed. Nite AA Women	141/142

Thursday, October 13

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
7:00pm	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Auditorium

Friday, October 14

9:15am	Hand-in-Hand	101-118
9:30	Pam Smith - Adult Exercise Class	212/213
6:30pm	Knock Knocks in Knox	Knox Auditorium

Saturday, October 15

8:00am	We Make the Road by Walking	141/142
11:00	FTG Construction	Knox Auditorium
11:00	Richard Schneider Memorial	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Session/New Member Potluck	Calvin Hall

Sunday, October 16

8:30am	Worship	Chapel
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00	Middle Schoolers	Youth Room
11:00	Spring Hill Information Meeting	Youth Room
11:15	"We Make the Road By Walking"	Fireside Room
11:15	Walk Through the Bible	Martha's Table
12:01pm	12:01 Service	Knox Auditorium
1:00	Confirmation Class	Youth Room
2:00	FTG Rehearsal	Knox Auditorium
5:00	Kenya Potluck	Knox Auditorium
6:00	High School Youth Group	Youth Room

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