

# First Things—April 14, 2024

## 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 identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

## Welcome Visitors ~ Let's Connect!

Please fill out the pew pad and say "Hi." If you are new to our church community, we'd love to get to know you better. Our post-service coffee hours are a great way to mingle and interact – so stop by for a bit. If you would like to inquire about membership, please contact: Amy Zimmer, Membership Coordinator at amyzimmer@fpcbirmingham.org.

## Registration is Open!

**Vacation Bible Camp** is a four-day camp, 9:00am-Noon, for three-year-olds (with one year of preschool) through children who have completed 5th grade as of June 24, 2024 for only \$50/child. Scholarships available, see Martha Piesko.



**Junior Vacation Bible Camp** is for 2-1/2 and 3 year-olds on Monday and Wednesday only, June 24 & 26 from 9:00am-Noon. Children must be 2-1/2 by June 24, 2024 in order to participate. Age appropriate, same curriculum as VBC for only \$35/child. Scholarships available, contact Martha Piesko.



Register today using this QR Code:



Please consider how you can volunteer.

See Martha Piesko (marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org)

## Lunch and Learn

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
11:30am-1:00pm

Bring your lunch, dessert and beverages provided. Sign up at the sign-up table.



Keith Termaat will speak about how his parents helped Jews move to safety in WWII in the Netherlands.



## We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Speak with anyone with a blue nametag or Rev. Lou Nyiri to learn more!



## Statement of Discipleship

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



Youth Choir and Children's Choir  
Re-starting Tuesday,  
April 16

**Youth Choir**, SATB, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15pm  
6th-12th graders, led by Andrew Herbruck.

**Children's Choir**, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15pm  
1st-5th graders, led by Jolene Plotzke.

## April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

### Spotlight on Kathryn Burke



I offered to make and serve the soups for the Lenten Wednesday night dinners, but I've also helped with Worship Wonder/Cross Walks, ushering, etc.

The FPC Community has been so supportive of my entire family — I thought this was a way I could give back and help share love & yummy food with the FPC family.

Favorite Volunteer Moment: Ash Wednesday when we thought that 30

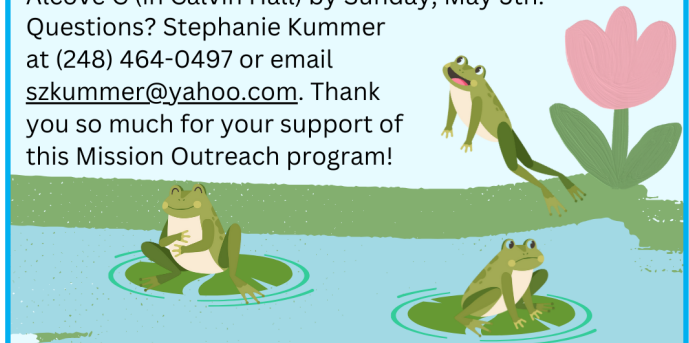
people were attending and 50 people showed up! It was Such a gift to see Calvin Hall full of chattering, happy people on a dark Wednesday Night.



Pick a frog from the bulletin board outside Calvin Hall.

These are items to help teachers finish out the current school year; or supplies that they need in Fall 2024. Attach the original tag to the item you've purchased and leave the item in Alcove C (in Calvin Hall) by Sunday, May 5th.

Questions? Stephanie Kummer at (248) 464-0497 or email [szkummer@yahoo.com](mailto:szkummer@yahoo.com). Thank you so much for your support of this Mission Outreach program!



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**MISSION CHILI  
POTLUCK DINNER**

Thursday, April 18  
6:00 PM

We'll enjoy dinner and learn about three different mission agencies.

Kids Empowered on the Move  
Ruth Ellis Center  
Welcome Inn

Sign up today at Sign-Up table.



Everybody's Church  
First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

**PAINTING CLASS**  
WITH DIANE BERT  
APRIL 24 @10AM



**\$20 Material fee includes brushes, paint, and canvas. Sign Up outside Calvin Hall.**

PROCEEDS SUPPORT  
STAGE YOUTH MINISTRY

**FLOWER SALE**

Orders Due  
Sunday, April 21 @2:00 PM

Flower Pick-up Saturday, May 18,  
Noon - 2:00PM  
@ Greenfield Presbyterian  
2312 Greenfield Rd., Berkley


**ORDER USING QR CODE**



A representative will present **“Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention”**

Hear about the scope of the problem and the research being done. Learn about prevention and what YOU can do! Join us for a discussion and time for questions. Sign up outside Calvin Hall or email Donna Zabowski at donna.zabowski@yahoo.com. All are invited!

**Tues, May 14  
7:00 PM  
Calvin Hall**



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Are you a Mom of young children?

Join our Moms Group! Sundays 9-10 AM

We meet in the Lounge upstairs across from Noah's Art. Childcare provided.



Questions? Please ask Martha Piesko at 248.644.2040 x145.


Church Nursery is Open Sunday AM 8:30-11:30



HAND-IN-HAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS

**FPC Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center**

registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open to the public. Please contact Heidi Wilkinson If you are interested and/or have any questions at 248.430.6190 or email: handinhand@everybodyschurch.org



**Tuesday Morning Book Club**

We are looking for new people to join our book group. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 10am in the Lounge. We're discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Contact Mary Gholz at mgholz@aol.com



**Volunteer Opportunities**  
See webpage by scanning the QR code for more info.



**Book Groups. See Adult Faith Formation webpage.**



## Staying Connected

Email is the primary way we communicate with the congregation. To receive emails please contact Dawn Swarthout at dawn@everybodyschurch.org. We are happy to mail copies of bulletins to anyone who needs a copy. Give names and addresses to Dawn Swarthout. Bulletins can be downloaded from the website on the Church at Home/Livestream page.

## Photography/Video

We are taking video in the Sanctuary and other parts of the church (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham unrestricted rights to publish images taken of you. If you do not wish to have your image published, please contact Dawn Swarthout.

## Hearing Loops/Assistance

Please ask an usher for assistance!