# **Social Events**



Get to know your community through social events offered quarterly throughout the year. Also, opportunities for fellowship follow each of the Rejoicing Spirits services. A simple meal is provided following the 2nd Sunday service of the month, and a pizza dinner follows the 4th Sunday service. Social Events will occur on the following dates. Oct 26, Feb 15, Apr 26, Jun 23

Program information will be published prior to the event.

# Middle School & High School All Youth Sundays

On the 2nd Sundays except for May 12 youth of all abilities will meet for a meal, a lesson, and social time.

Middle School: 4:30-6:30pm with dinner

High School: 5:30-7:30pm with dinner

One Sunday a month we have a specially planned meeting for youth of all abilities. (Sep 9, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 20, Jun 10) For more information, please contact: Rev. Joanne Blair Associate Pastor for Inclusion and Pastoral Care joanneblair@everybodyschurch.org 248.644.2040 x128

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If you would be interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Joanne or Cindy.



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The mission of AAIM is to facilitate and advocate for full inclusion of children, youth and adults in the whole life of the church



*The Vision of First Presbyterian Church* As Everybody's Church, we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion, and community.

#### Welcome

Welcome to our All Abilities Inclusion Ministry (AAIM). Full inclusion of children, youth and adults is our goal, and we have many activities. opportunities and programs in which to participate. We offer support as needed and seek to build relationships one person at a time.

> **Worship Opportunities Sunday Morning Worship** 8:30am and 10am **Rejoicing Spirits Worship** 2nd and 4th Sunday, 5pm (Sep-Apr) Once a month, 5pm (May-Aug)

## **Rejoicing Spirits Community**

Welcome to our no-shush family service where everyone is welcome



**Rejoicing Spirits** is a Sunday 5pm family service held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (Sep-Apr) and once a month (May-Aug). A simple meal follows each service.

This "no-shush" service welcomes and affirms the gifts of all God's children. Noise reduction headphones, musical instruments for all, gluten-free refreshments, and a sign language interpreter are available at each service. Transportation is available with advance notice. Stay for dinner and fellowship following the service.

#### All Abilities Inclusion Ministries Staff



& Pastoral Care Rev. Joanne Blair has her M.Div. from Ecumenical Theological Seminary and has served as a Chaplain at Children's Hospital. She is

Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC) We are thankful for the ways in which her expertise and her commitment to the inclusion of all people in our community enrich our ministries here at First Presbyterian Church.



#### **Director of Christian Education** & All Abilities **Inclusion Ministry**

Cindy Merten is an Associate Certified Christian Educator. Cindy is committed to working with staff and volunteers to provide programs for children and adults that interweave

worship, education and mission into the fabric of our faith and include all people. She has completed a Master of Education in Special Education with the Inclusion Specialist Certificate at the University of Michigan – Dearborn.

### **Church School**

Our inclusive Sunday School program for students of all abilities ranges from preschool through young adults. The curriculum includes an intentionally structured program, with a multi-sensory approach to teaching Bible stories. Curriculum is individualized based on parent input and staff recommendations. **Rev. Joanne Blair supervises AAIM** 



volunteers who are caring individuals who receive volunteer training and seek to support students as needed.

