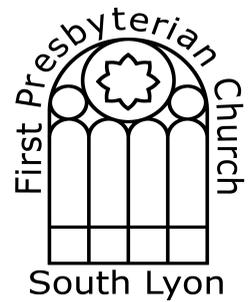


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First Word



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**First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
205 East Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178-0123**

ONE CHILD FOR ONE HOUR...WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Remember New Beginnings? that series of six (6) meetings we held during the winter months? Is it starting to ring a bell? Well, I certainly have not forgotten about it. In fact, one of my assignments was to contact the social worker at Bartlett Elementary School to see if there were any opportunities for our congregation to serve at the school.

While no opportunities arose at Bartlett, word spread quickly that our church was looking to work with a school within the South Lyon School District. I received a call a couple months ago informing me that Dolsen Elementary School in New Hudson was in desperate need of mentors who would be willing to spend time with children considered to be at-risk due to socio-economic or other issues.

Kids Hope USA is a mentoring program that has been approved by South Lyon Community Schools, allowing churches and their members to go into the schools to provide one-on-one mentoring with children in need.

After sharing the details with the Mission and Outreach committee, Session agreed to work with Kids Hope USA to form a partnership with Dolsen Elementary School. In August, I attended a certification course and we are now considered an affiliate of Kids Hope USA.

Working with the principal and social worker at Dolsen, it is our goal to have mentors in place by early October. In the coming weeks, you will learn more about this program and the needs to support it. In the meantime, I ask that you would take some time to pray for this new ministry and partnership. As you pray ask God, "How do I fit into this new ministry? Am I called to be a mentor? Am I called to be a prayer partner?"

Mentors require three (3) things: 1) reading level of a 5th grader; 2) a love for children; and 3) a commitment to show up for one child, one hour per week during the school year. Could this be you?

I am excited about this new ministry and look forward to mentoring a child from our community. I've mentored children in a tutoring program many years ago, and there are very few experiences that are as rewarding as watching a child succeed knowing that I made a difference in that child's life.

Studies have shown that more than 90% of children who are mentored through Kids Hope USA improve academically and show an increase in self-esteem and coping skills. Also, more than 90% of first year mentors return to work with their "child" for multiple years.

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. (Matthew 9:13-15, NRSV)

One child, one hour, one school year. What do you say? Will you be the one who gives a child a voice? Will you be the one who gives a child hope?

With Peace and Grace,

Pastor Mike

OUTDOOR SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HYMNS

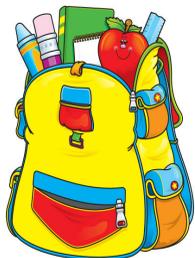
Let's not say goodbye to summer without one last worship service on the lawn. Join us on Sunday, September 4 on the front lawn of the church as we celebrate the work of God's creation with a service of prayer and hymns. The service, including hymns and prayers, has been arranged by our Music Director, Sally Messner. After worship, we'll enjoy homemade pie and beverages during our time of fellowship.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 11

Join us on Sunday, September 11, as we celebrate another fall startup at FPC. It has been a long summer, but now is the time to get back to church. Be there when we welcome back the choir, and when we bless the backpacks of our children. Be there as we celebrate the past year, and look forward to what lies ahead.

A special celebration reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Summer is almost over and it's time for our children and youth to head back to the classroom. Let's send our kids back to school knowing that they are being prayed for by our congregation. Join us on Sunday, September 11th as we continue a time honored tradition of blessing the backpacks. All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks and receive a special blessing and gift on behalf of the congregation.

KIDS' CONNECTION RETURNS

Calling all kids in grades K—6!!! Join us for another year of fun, faith, and fellowship. Kids' Connection begins its third year on Sunday, September 11th from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Lots of activities are being planned and you won't want to miss the fun. For more information, contact Pastor Jo Morgan at (734) 560-3885, or by email: joanne.marie.morgan@gmail.com.



CAPERNAUM HEALTH CLINIC

It's September, which means it's time to host the Capernaum Health Clinic. The clinic will be here Monday, September 19-Friday, September 23. This year, the clinic will host dental, medical, audiology, podiatry, and the St. John/Providence "Mammogram Bus." It will surely be a busy week at the church and we can use your help. There are still opportunities to volunteer in the kitchen, and we are still in need of food donations. If you would like to help, please see Gwyn McClintock.

WEDNESDAY "LUNCH & LEARN"

It's the same study but at a new time. Join us on Wednesday's from noon-1:00 p.m. for a weekly bible study that focuses on the text that will be preached on the upcoming Sunday. Bring a sack lunch, a study bible, and join the conversation. The class begins on Wednesday, September 7th. The class *will not* meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

FINAL CRUISE-IN OF THE YEAR

Wednesday, September 28th

6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Come and join the fun!

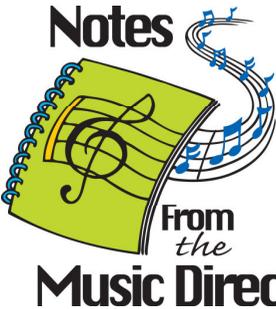
SOUTH LYON PUMPKINFEST September 23rd - September 25th

As summer gives way to autumn, nothing “proclaims” its arrival more than the South Lyon PumpkinFest. With the PumpkinFest being in the “heart” of our downtown, it provides us with a unique opportunity to offer hospitality and to raise funds at the same time. Once again we will offer parking for a free-will donation Friday evening, all-day Saturday, and Sunday until 4:00 p.m.

We will also host a food stand, offering our famous FPC hot dogs. Of course we can’t offer a food stand without offering our fresh popped popcorn and homemade pumpkin rolls. Something new this year, nachos! The food stand will be available all day Saturday.

Finally, we will host a children’s game tent, which you can read more about in the article below. The game tent must be staffed both Saturday and Sunday. A current background check must be completed in order to work in the kids tent. If you have further questions, please see Pastor Mike or Pastor Jo.

Many hands will be needed in order for our efforts to be a success. A sign-up sheet is available at the Friendship Table. Our elders will be enlisting help, as well, during our time of Fellowship on Sunday mornings.



Notes
From
the
Music Director

The church choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday 8 September at 7:00 pm. The choir sings most Sundays from September through June. We always welcome new voices, whether you can commit to the whole program year or would like to try us out for a month.

The Celebration Ringers (handbells) will begin rehearsals on Thursday 13 October at 6:30 pm. We will ring 5 Sundays throughout the program year. Please join us! The more people we have, the more bells we can play.

We are planning extra-special choral music for our anniversary celebration on October 30th. If you’re interested in singing with us but aren’t sure about long term, October would be a good month to see what it’s like.

Please contact me with any questions you might have.

Sally Messner, Director of Music

MISSION & OUTREACH

Active Faith: The word for September is SOUP. Any flavor, your favorite or not; cream or broth based; dehydrated or condensed; vegan, vegetarian, meat; and remember to check the package's expiration date!

It's back to school days. School supplies are being received: yellow #2 pencils, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, 5-inch scissors, stick pens in black and red.
Capernaum Health Clinic: at FPCSL 19-23 September. To help out, contact Gwyn McClintock. We provide breakfast for the team.

Everyone Eats: 21 September is a special meal: the Jefferson Avenue PCUSA team that has been helping us for several months has agreed to prepare the meal because Anne and Bob are unable to attend. BUT we still need some volunteers to go lend a hand. Sign-up sheet is on the "clip board". The carpool meets at 9:30am in the foyer. You will be driven to the site at Spirit of Hope Church and brought back to the parking lot about 4pm.

Peace & Global Witness offering: We will be having an collection for the Peace & Global Witness Offering (formally Peacemaking Offering) on September 25 and October 2. This offering promotes the Peace of Christ, by addressing injustice across the world and bringing peace to people through Christ.
Please read the enclosed inserts that will be provide on these two dates. Use the empty line on your offering envelope to indicate your donation amount for the "Peace & Global Witness" offering. 25% of the collected offering will be retained by FPCSL to promote social justice in South Lyon.

Pumpkinfest: Help us help South Lyon. Sign-up to help with parking, food cart, game booth, and pumpkin roll preparation. Look for the FPCSL angel. 23-25 September.

Accomplishments:

- 32 more pints for the Red Cross in August
- 27 scarves for Operation Gratitude
- \$1,200 for 3 camperships to the Howell Nature Center
- 160 more meals at Everyone Eats

Note: The September Mission and Outreach meeting is moved to Monday the 12th at 7pm in the Library due to the holiday.

FOR ...and ABOUT SOUTH LYON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN! September 2016

September is here...where did the summer go? I had so many plans...places to go...things to see and I only accomplished a few and time has run out and here we are...starting our 2016-2017 year as excited Presbyterian Women.

If you aren't part of some of the activities planned for this year, you will be missing out on some good and exciting things. Not only are there educational opportunities for you to be part of our monthly Bible study, but two circles and a knitting/crocheting prayer shawl group that would be happy to have you join their group to make friends and enjoy each other as we share the joy of being a South Lyon Presbyterian Woman!!

September 14 at 11:00 a.m. will be the first meeting of our Bible Study for 2016-2017, "Who Is Jesus?" What a difference a lens makes!

Our study guide tells us "It's a Good Question!: Halfway through the Gospel of Mark, as Jesus and his disciples are on their way to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus turns to his disciples and asks, "So...what's the word on the street? Who do people say that I am?" "Well", they answer, "some say you are John the Baptist (back from the dead); others think you are one of the prophets, maybe Elijah, maybe another one."

Then, Jesus looks them squarely in the eyes and asks, "Yes, but who do *you* say that I am?" Now that's a good question!

We will meet in the library to explore and learn the answer to the question. Study guides are available for \$8.00. See Nancy Geiger or Barbara Greene for your copy.

Circle of Hope will meet at 12:15 on September 14 in the Parlor under the leadership of Jeanette Asiala that we welcome as the new leader. Bring a sandwich to share and dessert will be provided by our hostess, Joyce Johnson. Roll Call word is "Charity". We have a hearty welcome for all...come see what we're about!

Circle Eve will meet September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of leader, Anne Lyke. A light supper is always enjoyed. Baked potatoes or salad, depending on the temperature. We are reading the letters of John.

Mark your Calendars! October 8 is the Fall SL Presbyterian Women event... a Mystery Trip! We will meet at the church at 10:45 to car pool to the mysterious place for a fun time and a day to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. Make plans now to join us.

Food for Thought:

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. THAT'S FAITH!

JOIN THE MARKETING TASK FORCE

Do you have marketing experience, a creative “edge”, or simply an “eye” for design? Consider joining the Marketing Task Force, chaired by Kim MacNish. We want to get the word out that we are here to share God’s love with our neighbors, and invite the community to join us in our ministries.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Kim or Pastor Mike.



REMEMBER... “SOCK IT TO ME IN OCTOBER!!!”

Help the South Lyon Presbyterian Women achieve their goal of collecting 500 pair of socks between now and October 31. The socks are donated to Active Faith, the Second Mile Center, and Everyone Eats.

Remember, while ankle length socks may be on sale or clearance, we need to collect white, cotton crew length socks that can be worn during the fall and winter.

Packs of 6 or 12 can be purchased for less than \$1 per pair. Consider donating a pack when you come to the 185th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 30th! Your generosity is always appreciated.

COUNTDOWN TO 185!!!

“On October 30, 1831, six years before Michigan was admitted as a state and South Lyon was known as “The Corners”, fifteen families met in the home of Robert Purdy to organize a Presbyterian Society...”

**SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 30, 2016
10:30 a.m.**



From the Deacons

GOD is LOVE !!!

The heart shape is how we express love in letters, with our hands in sign language and even on the internet we can send hearts.

We see Love in the face of a child, grandchild, other family and friends and our pets as they greet us.

This summer I feel I have been blessed to see LOVE in so many ways, even in nature. Things like heart shaped - clouds, a shell on the beach, a stone by the lake and even in the center of a tree that had to be taken down. I shared these with others and they could see the hearts I saw. Some even started looking and found their own heart shaped stones. I guess this is another way to share GOD's LOVE for us with others.

So take time, look around and see where you find His Love.

The Deacons continue in our care and Love of the Congregation.

Blessings,
Gwyn



Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 1st 10:00 am

The unconditional love we give and receive from our pets can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life with our Creator.

Please bring your pets and come join us for a special blessing. All dogs need to be on leashes and all cats need to be in their carriers. The blessing will take place on the front lawn of the church.

In case of rain we will move to the Fellowship Hall.



New Early Childhood Music Classes for families and their children are being offered at First Presbyterian Church on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning on September 30.

For more information

**contact Susan Hiipakka at
248-398-8990**

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MUSIC WISE**

Regular Session Meeting, August 20, 2016

Present: Moderator Rev. M. Horlocker; Clerk-Elder A. Lyke; Elder R. Cue, P. Eichinger, T. Goodman, B. Greene, K. MacNish, R. McClintock, M. Mueller, D. Rae, K. Schultz; Treasurer R. Weinburger; Deacon representative D. Cue. Excused: Elder D. Beckstein.

Motions:

- Place "Please keep PUMPKINFEST IN South Lyon" on church sign to show support for keeping Pumpkinfest in South Lyon.
- Allow the WillowWacks to use the building for a performance on Monday 15 August 2016.
- Donate \$300.00 to Dental Days for ten (10) electric toothbrushes.
- FPSCL participate in the Kids Hope USA tutoring/mentoring faith-based program; \$500 per year for training and supplies.
- Allow study leave for Pastor to attend Kids Hope USA directors training on 15-16 August 2016; travel, tuition, and hotel expenses not to exceed \$1000.00.
- Purchase Bibles and curriculum for Kid's Connection, not to exceed \$450.00.
- Contract with Bank for three years, at \$15.00/month plus transaction fee, to provide website button for electronic credit card payments.
- Have the Administrative Assistant staff the office four (4) days per week during the program year (September through early June)
- Permanently change Christmas Eve Worship to start at 10:00pm.
- *Permanently* change Christmas Day Worship to start at 11:00am and New Year's Day Worship to start at 11:00am *when they fall on a Sunday*.
- Spend up to \$300.00 on the Session Retreat in September.
- Have all committees place a self-imposed deadline of 30, 60, or 90 days (or what is reasonable) on all projects to get them done in a timely fashion.
- Hire Pipe Major John Martin for our 185th anniversary celebration on Sunday 30 October 2016, not to exceed \$275.00
- Use up to \$1000.00 from the Operating Budget for the catering costs for the 185th anniversary celebration.
- Form a task force headed by K. MacNish for developing a marketing strategy and instruments to be ready by 30 October 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00.
- Reimburse D. Rae \$112.08 for Ice Cream Social and ice.
- Reimburse K. MacNish \$67.92 for Cruise-In supplies.
- Grant Pastor two (2) vacation days, 17-18 August 2016.
- Allow Pulpit Supply for Sunday 21 August 2016.
- Allow Pulpit Supply for Sunday 25 September 2016 (Pumpkinfest).
- Grant Pastor six (6) vacation days, 10-16 October 2016.
- Grant Pastor six (6) vacation days, 26-31 December 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lyke, Clerk of Session

Prayers & Praises

Prayer requests received during the month of July/August

Please pray for . . .

the family of Jane Beckstein
 the family of Glenna Clogg
 the Bruan family on the passing of Eric Braun (Kay Fisher's nephew.)
 the Tuthill family on the passing of their son.
 Joan Danielson
 Betty Chapman
 Barbara Greene & Dorothy Tennant's sister
 Corliss Davis
 the Rae's niece Tiffiani Schulte and family as she enters hospice care.
 Linda Anderson's daughter-in-law's father, Jerry Wocjik.
 Ruth Azar's friend Kenny
 Diane Addley recovering from knee surgery
 healing and peace for Kassandra, Analeece, Elaine, and the people of Dallas.
 Mueller's friend Sue on the passing of her daughter Courtney, and Dede recovering from brain surgery.
 Goodman's friend Ted as he recuperates from a heart attack.
 Allen's friend Dr. Chuck Heubner
 Bob Cue's cousin Michael
 Ben Bond, who is deployed to the Middle East.
 Kathy Schultz's son David as he recovers from knee surgery.
 Kim MacNish's relative Daniel
 Ellen Anderson
 Joyce Johnson's friend Jeanetta
 Peggy Hart's brother-in-law Dick Reichenbach, her friend Charlie Basham, and her daughter after injury to her hand.
 Mark Fitzgerald's co-worker's father
 Barbara Johanningsmeier's friend Dorinda
 For those who must work outdoors in the heat

For those vacationing and traveling that they are blessed by safety and fun
 Ruth Azar as she continues in her ministry
 The safety and health of those participating in the Olympics

Our Shut-ins and Homebound

- Joan Borsh
- Millie Bunn
- Bill Clogg
- Edna Hope
- Betty Ross
- Ann Seden
- Shirley Westacott

Our Men Serving in the Armed Forces

- Kenny Bond
- Ben Bond
- Brian Petersen
- Jared Roth

Our Friends Under the Care of Presbytery

- Anne Lyke
- Ruth Azar

Request prayer by calling the church office at (248) 437-2875 or online at www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests. Please let your Deacon know how your prayer is being answered. If you do not know who your Deacon is, contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATES

October 1st - Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 am - front lawn of church

October 2nd - Sunday Bible Study begins at 11:45 am

October 8th - Presbyterian Women Mystery Trip - meet at church for refreshments ahead of Mystery Trip at 10:45 am

October 8th - Inclusion Workshop from 9am -3pm

October 13th Bell Choir begins at 6:30pm

October 27th Trunk or Treat - 6pm-8pm

October 30th - 185th Anniversary

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

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Rev. Joanne Morgan, Parish Associate

Email: joanne.marie.morgan@gmail.com

Office Hours: Wednesday

Laura Goode, Administrative Assistant

Email: office@fpcsouthlyon.org

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9-3

Office is closed on Friday

Sally Messner, Director of Music

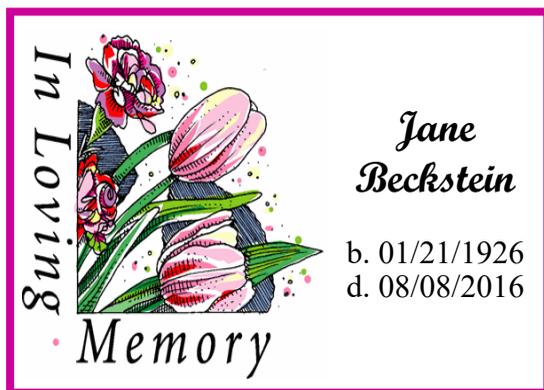
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Mission Statement:

We are sent out by Jesus Christ to feed God's people spiritually, physically, and lovingly; planting seeds of hope, compassion, and justice within and throughout South Lyon and wherever else the Holy Spirit leads us.