

The

First Word



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First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

205 East Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178-0123

Five Year Journey

On July 22, 2012, I was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and became your installed pastor. There are days when it feels like it was just yesterday, and then there are days when it feels like it has been forever.

Lauren was just a fifth grader when we moved into the manse, and now she is a sophomore at South Lyon High School (and loving it!). Stephanie has a new employer (same job) who treats her team better than her previous employer. Alice has quite a few more gray hairs, and little more deaf than when we first moved here, but she still loves her perch on the front porch of the manse.

Five years ago, when FPC decided to restore the manse instead of destroying it, you didn't just renovate a house, but you created a home for me and my family, and we remain grateful for that gift.

Five years....where has it gone? But then again, as I look at all we do, all of us at FPC, how can it only have been five years? In five years, we have become debt free; we have restored the structural integrity of our church building; we have a beautiful memorial garden in front of our historic sanctuary; and just this past fall we celebrated 185 years of ministry in South Lyon with a joyous celebration.

In five short years, we have grown our ministries by leaps and bounds. We give more to Active Faith since we've become part of their food collection rotation; we continue to be an active force behind the Capernaum Health Clinic; we feed the homeless through Everyone Eats; we support our Presbyterian Women, collecting up to 500 pairs of socks per year, as well as baby layette items for their Ingathering. Our newest ministry, Kids Hope USA, allows us to partner with Dolsen Elementary School, to mentor at-risk children. With just one year under our belt, our mentors have already made a difference

in the lives of these children.

In five short years, there are children once again in worship. We have a vibrant Sunday school program thanks to the dedication and expertise of our Parish Associate, Jo Morgan. It is hard to believe that we just wrapped up our fifth Vacation Bible School, and each year, it just gets better.

In five years, the Presbytery of Detroit has taken notice of our hard work. We are mentioned often at Presbytery meetings as an example to our faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ. In the last three years we have received three grants for various missions that we support. In 2015 we received a \$5,000 grant as startup funds for Capernaum's denture program. In 2016 we received \$2,500 to help us startup our Kids Hope program. And just last week, we received \$1,000 to launch a fair trade coffee initiative which you will learn more about in the coming weeks.

None of this would be possible without you and your passion to serve Christ here in South Lyon. Sure, there have been challenges along the way. In my five years of being your pastor, I have made mistakes, said things that I've regretted, and so on. I am grateful for your willingness to forgive, your encouragement to continue, and your openness to share with me your concerns.

What will the next five years have in store for each of us? Unfortunately, I don't have an answer, but in times of planning for the future, I am often drawn to these words of comfort from the prophet Jeremiah:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord...
(Jer 29:11-14a)

Whatever lies in the future, I believe that God will continue to be good and faithful to our congregation. We need to continue our conversations with God and with each other, and the place to start (or to continue) is with these three questions: Who are we? Where is God leading us? And, who are our neighbors? These questions help us stay faithful to our Triune God who is forever with us, leading us, and inspiring us.

Thank you all for an awesome five years!!!

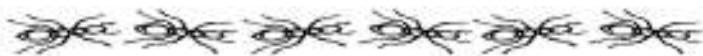
With Peace and Gratitude,

Pastor Mike

Outdoor Worship, Picnic Potluck and ...Pie Baking Contest

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 2nd as we continue our “annual” tradition of outdoor worship at 10:30 a.m. with a patriotic hymn sing, a potluck picnic, which will be held following worship, and FPC’s very own **HOMEMADE PIE CONTEST**.

Please plan to attend our “kick-off” of summer activities that we have planned. There is a sign up sheet for the Pie Contest on the table near the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!



INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, July 9, immediately following worship. We have taken some financial hits this year due to unexpected building issues. We would like to share with the congregation steps that are being taken to accommodate for this. The meeting will be brief. We hope you will join us.

Let’s Play B-i-n-g-o

Bingo officially starts here at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, July 13th (and each Thursday going forward) from 6:00 pm - 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have a big 60’ monitor so that everyone can see the numbers. That’s what’s important, right?

Snacks and beverages are available from the volunteer workers. Bingo is sponsored by South Lyon Band Parents Association, and all proceeds support the South Lyon High School band program.

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	46	74	
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75





Summer Music

During July and August the chancel choir takes a much needed hiatus and we look forward to those musicians who can offer their voices and/or instrument/s during the summer.

If you are interested please see the sign up sheet on the table outside of the Sanctuary.

July 19th - 7:00 p.m.
Lake Street Tavern

THE FIRST EVER

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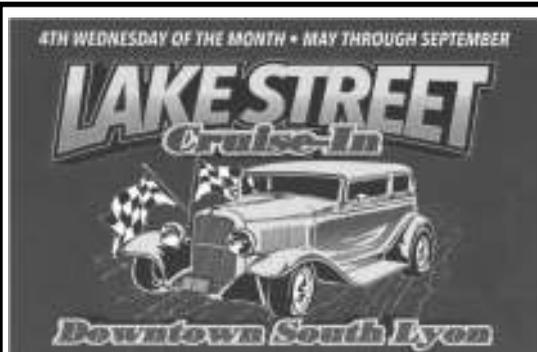
3-9:30 PM • JULY 26, 2017

S H O W

AMAZING GRACE

John Newton, 1779

Hops and Hymns
August 17th - 7:00 p.m.
Location to be determined...



**JULY and AUGUST
LAKE STREET CRUISE-INS
All Cruisers Welcome!**

July 26th - Motor State Street Rods &
Huron Valley Rodders

August 23rd - Metro Triumph Riders &
Vintage Motor USA

Stop by our FPC tent for a great hot-dog,
Detroit Co. popcorn, and homemade
goodies for the sweet-tooth in the group!
Don't forget to bring the kids along to
enjoy our craft booth.



**Sunday, September 3rd at 10:30 a.m.
at McHattie Park.**

Mark your calendars now!!!



In June we welcomed new deacons An-
drea Dingeldey and Karen Lynch and wel-
comed back returning deacon Heather
Mueller. We would like to thank Deb Al-
len, Joyce Johnson and Jack Rae for their
service as their terms ended. Some of you
may have a new deacon, you should be
hearing from them soon. Also an updated
"Who's Your Deacon" board should be up
soon.

During our June meeting, we held the
election for deacon officers for 2017-
2018. The Deacon Moderator is Stephanie
Horlocker, Vice Moderator is Dorcas Cue
and Secretary is Nancy Geiger. Thank you
to Gwyn McClintock serving as the dea-
con moderator for a few years.

Have a wonderful summer!

Your Deacon,
Stephanie Horlocker

PS- Be sure to join us for a "Meet your
Deacon" event during our Fellowship
Hour on Sunday, September 17th.

FOR...and ABOUT SOUTH LYON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!**July and August 2017**

Summer time has arrived for FPCSL Women and there are no meetings of Circle of Hope scheduled until Fall. The Circle did enjoy a delightful lunch at Lyon Grill to celebrate the end of a successful year.

The Women's PW Horizons Bible Study for 2017-2018 will be "Cloud of Witnesses" The Community of Christ in Hebrews by Melissa Bane Sevier. Study guides were distributed at our June meeting, but if you would like to purchase a study guide, please see Nancy Geiger.

Women's Bible Study will resume again October 11 in the library at 11:00 a.m. Each lesson will feature a story about a woman that has been a witness to faith. Hebrews chapters 1, 12 and 13 are highlighted. The study is written by Presbyterian women about women who sustain them in their life and faith. We will explore our lives and the life of our church as we create a "Cloud of Witnesses" booklet for each of us as we document the cloud of witnesses that has influenced our lives.

Circle Eve will meet again on Monday August 28 at 7pm at Anne's home. We will be starting a new study, *Cloud of Witness: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier. The book cost is \$10; contact Anne to obtain one. A light meal (Meatless Monday) will be served.

A peek at what will be waiting for us in September!

FPCSL Women have been asked to help supply items for baby layettes for the Presbyterian Women of Presbytery of Detroit Ingathering for Missions. Shop this summer for the following items that we need you to donate:

CRIB SHEET CRIB SIZED WATERPROOF PAD ONESIES
 ONE PIECE OUTFIT (either boy or girl)
 DISPOSABLE DIAPERS IN PACKAGE (Size Newborn) Watch for sales/use coupons!
 BABY WIPES IN PACKAGE (not large containers) WEARABLE SLEEP SACK

These items will be collected all during the month of September! Watch for the cradle to reappear!

BIBLE TRIVIA

What loving woman watched over the corpses of her slaughtered children, protecting them from birds and animals? (2 Samuel 21:1-10)

We plan big things for tomorrow without any assurance of being alive the next morning! But...we still set the alarm to wake up! THAT'S HOPE!

MISSION AND OUTREACH**Active Faith:**

July: Instant oatmeal is the preferred product. Regular, sweetened or unsweetened, flavored, share your favorite.



August: Spaghetti Sauce is the selection. It can be any style or flavor for use with any pasta.

Everyone Eats: the meals are on July 19 and August 16.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers and cookie bakers are next to the Mission & Outreach board. The carpool leaves at 9:30am promptly. You will be driven to the site at Spirit of Hope Church and brought back to the parking lot about 2pm.

Youth are invited to join us. Permission slips are a must and available from Laura in the office. Letters of community service will be issued to those participating. Parents may contact Anne Lyke for further information: andthelyke@aol.com.

Twenty dozen cookies are distributed each meal we prepare. Bake chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal, and/or snickerdoodle cookies when the mood strikes you; let us know and we can freeze them until the next meal. Thanks!



September Blood Drive: At this time Red Cross has a shortage of field help to go out into the communities and work the blood drives. You can still help by contacting red cross online at www.redcross.org and donating at your nearest Red Cross facility. Mission and Outreach will keep you posted once we receive a date for September.



Kids Hope USA: We had an exciting and productive time this past school year. Prayerfully consider joining the mentors for the 2017-18 school year.



The Mission & Outreach committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Library. Anyone interested in using their talents and influence, please join us.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CRAFT DONATIONS

Always planning, always collecting, and always grateful for your support!

Below is a list of items you might save for our Children's Ministries program. We ask that all items be clean, as most will be stored for future use.

- **Colored foam egg cartons, especially BLUE**
- **Well-rinsed empty bleach containers**

AND:

We are still in need of **a few more STUFFED ANIMALS FOR THE PUMPKIN-FEST**, but please remember that they are being given out as prizes, and should not be soiled, ripped, or worn. While Jo appreciates all your efforts, if an animal wouldn't make a nice gift for a child you love, it will probably not make a good prize either. Remember, the prizes reflect on our church, and we want to make the best impression possible on our families and community!

Donation may be dropped off in the Sunday School Room downstairs. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jo! Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Congratulations to our Installed and Ordained Officers on Sunday, June 4th:

Ordained Deacons:

Karen Lynch
Andrea Dingeldey

Installed Deacons:

Heather Mueller

Installed Elders:

Bob Weinburger
Pete Eichinger
Matt Mueller
Kathy Schultz

Also, thank you to our Deacons and Elders who have completed their terms. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated:

Deacons Deb Allen, Joyce Johnson, and Jack Rae; and Elder Tom Goodman

CHANGE IN CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

During the months of July and August our **church office will remain closed on Tuesdays and Fridays**. We will re-evaluate our need for a fourth day in the fall.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE IS COMING TO FPC!

FPCSL has been awarded with a \$1,000 grant to cover the cost of a year supply of fair trade coffee to be served at church. Our coffee will come from the company Equal Exchange, a non-profit corporation overseen by the PC(USA).

What is Fair Trade Coffee? Below is a brief explanation from the Equal Exchange website:

Fair Trade is a voluntary program utilized by coffee importers and food companies to create an alternative market for traditionally disadvantaged producers in developing countries, usually small scale farmers. The components include:

- *Targeted purchasing of coffee through democratically organized farmer cooperatives.*
- *Agreed upon commodity floor prices that provide for a dignified livelihood.*
- *Direct exports by producers.*
- *A promise by importers to make affordable credit available to the farmer cooperatives.*
- *A world-wide network of non-profit certifying organization.*
- *A fee paid by importers and wholesalers to cover the cost of certification.*
- *A seal that assures consumers that the product was fairly traded.*

Your purchase of fairly traded coffee helps build pride, independence and community empowerment for small farmers and their families. A coffee processing plant in El Salvador, community stores in Colombia, the training of doctors in Mexico, new schools in Peru - these are examples of initiatives co-ops have taken in their own communities with the income from Fair Trade.

We, as a congregation, will learn more about Fair Trade in the upcoming year through Minutes for Mission during worship, Sunday evening forums, and a shopping event at 10,000 Villages in Ann Arbor.

In addition to serving Fair Trade coffee during fellowship hour, you will have an opportunity to purchase coffee for your home, as well as chocolates, fruit and nut bars, olive oil, and other items used in the kitchen.

This project will be chaired by Phyllis Goodman and Ann Clifton. Phyllis and Ann will keep track of our inventory. We are hoping to launch our Fair Trade products with our Fall Startup on Sunday, September 10th. It may be sooner depending on when our products arrive.

Prayers & Praises

Prayer requests received during the month of June.

Remember in prayer . . .

- Bob Weinburger recovering from knee surgery.
- Jack and Donna Rae
- Theresa Scofield with a broken leg.
- Lori Pearse having radiation treatments.
- Jo Pattison with heart problems.
- Continued healing for Barbara Johanningsmeier's son who was in a car accident and the family of Barbara's sister-in-law on her passing.
- Bob & Dorcas Cue's friend Ginny fighting cancer.
- Kathy Schultz's son David with hip problems and Kathy's friend Peggy fighting cancer.
- Anne Lyke's neighbors for healing.
- Kim MacNish's cousin Nick, healing from a car accident.
- Tom in hospice care.
- To those who served and continue to serve our great nation.
- Health, safety and future for this year's graduates.
- Our world in this time of random terror attacks.
- Dan and Lynne McLoskey's granddaughter on her safe return from Paris.
- Harry Prentis
- Billy Lintner
- Lowell Loweke
- Marion Clifton
- Bette Haack

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.

Our Shut-ins and Homebound

- Shelly Birckelbaw
- Joan Borsh
- Edna Hope
- Betty Ross
- Ann Seden
- Millie Turnbull
- Shirley Westacott

Our Men Serving in the Armed Forces

- Kenny Bond
- Ben Bond
- Jared Roth

Our Friends Under the Care of Presbytery

- Anne Lyke
- Ruth Azar

Annual Joint Session and Board of Deacons Meeting, 20 June 2017

The regular meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church (USA) of South Lyon held in joint with the Board of Deacons was called to order by Moderator Rev. M. Horlocker at 6:43pm in the Parlor on Tuesday 20 June 2017. The meeting was opened with Word-Share-Prayer devotion led by the Moderator Reverend, following a potluck supper.

Present: Moderator Rev. M. Horlocker; Clerk-Elder A. Lyke; Treasurer-Elder R. Weinburger; Elders R. Cue, P. Eichinger, B. Greene, K. MacNish, R. McClintock, M. Mueller, K. Schultz; Deacons D. Cue, A. Dingeldey, N. Geiger, S. Horlocker, K. Lynch, G. McClintock. H. Mueller; SLFD fireperson Michael Orlando.

Excused: Elders D. Beckstein, D. Rae.

Order of the Day: Mr. Orlando gave an explanation and demonstration of the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Motions approved:

- Grant Pastor's request for 25 June 2017 to be a vacation day.
- Approve one-time grant application to establish a fair-trade coffee, etc., use at the church.
- Grant Pastor Study Leave 27 August to 2 September 2017 to attend Transitional Ministry training at Montreat.
- Pay \$295.00 for a computer class with New Horizons for the Administrative Assistant.
- Approve the 27 April 2017 report and findings of N. Williamson [1829], who reviewed the financial records of FPCSL for the fiscal year 2016.
- Contract with Heinanen Mechanical for the basic maintenance plan for the furnace and air conditioner at the manse for three (3) years at an approximate cost of \$300.00 per year.
- Change July communion date to 9 July due to outdoor service on 2 July.
- Purchase a seven (7) foot Peace Pole inscribed "May Peace Prevail Here" in Ojibiwe, Korean, Spanish, and English from ShopPeace at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 (includes shipping & handling); monies used from Memorial Fund for Terry Tennant, with Dorothy Tennant's [1881] permission.
- *Board of Deacons:* New Officers: Moderator, S. Horlocker; Vice-Moderator, D. Cue; Secretary, N. Geiger.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the Reverend Moderator at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lyke , Clerk of Session

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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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor

Rev. Jo Morgan, Parish Associate

Sally Messner, Director of Music

Office Hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs.
9-3

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