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The Bagpipe

2022 Summer Edition!

“The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate manna, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.” Exodus 16:35

We’ve been saying a lot of good-byes lately.

We knew Heather would be leaving, but what a gift it was to be able to minister with her one more year before we *knew* God would be calling here elsewhere. We are certainly happy for her, but still, we’re left with a void.

We had hoped a college in Michigan would have snatched Cera up after graduation, so she could continue conducting our choir. We knew it was a longshot, but it still hurts to say good bye.

And of course the loss we are all feeling with Ben’s departure reaches deep and wide. While we honor his discernment of God’s call elsewhere, there’s no denying his significant touch on our lives during his time with us – which makes the good-bye that much more difficult.

It’s one of those times on life’s journey, when there’s so much uncertainty, so much unknown, it can feel like everything is up in the air with nothing to hold onto.

But the thing about this journey is that we do not, never have and never will, walk it alone.

When Moses and our forebears were lost in the wilderness, God sustained them with manna – providing enough to eat for everyone...every morning. Whether them then, or us today, God knows best how to care for those on the journey.

The word manna, literally translated, means “what is it?” Which tells us we are nurtured for the journey, not by having the answers, but by asking the questions.

What is it...that you’re asking of us?

What is it...you are calling us to do?

What is it...that you want us to be?

And so the point of the journey when we reach those times when we don’t know what’s happening? When we can’t even see another step in front of us? That’s when we learn to walk by faith - to ask the questions and trust that God will provide.

As we continue this sojourn together, may it be so.

Your partner on the journey,

Summer in Our Pulpit!

You won't find any hazy, lazy days of summer around here! With mission trips and pilgrimages, we are welcoming two area pastors back to our pulpit this summer.



Ordained by the Presbytery of Peoria in 1969, **Rev. Dr. Jeff O'Neill** has served as pastor of PC(USA) churches in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan (including senior pastor at FPC-Lansing and interim pastor at Eastminster). In addition to his pastoral career, Jeff has worked at the American Bible Society in NYC as Staff Producer for Radio, Television, and Film; as interim dean of Doctoral Programs at McCormick Seminary in Chicago; and as Senior Development Officer at the Fund for Independent Higher Education.

Jeff and his wife Sam live in Grand Ledge with two dogs, and he is the father/step-father of five, and grandfather of two. Jeff calls Eastminster "home" and Sam is a member there. Since retiring from FPC-Lansing in 2011, he has pursued his hobbies in woodworking, photography, backpacking, and hiking with their dogs.

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson retired from the Presbyterian Church of Okemos in 2020. Rob also served churches in Toledo and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Theological Seminary (specializing in Preaching). Rob participated as a fellow with the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton. Rob and his wife Barbara have three grown children—Rachel, Eric, and Emily—who live with their families in the greater Lansing area. Rob and Barb are the grandparents of seven grandsons. Besides spending time with his family, Rob enjoys gardening and caring for their Great Pyrenees dog.



**Join the
Home Team
for our
2022...**

Sr. High Mission Trip



The planning started in 2019, but after a Covid hiatus, the international senior high mission trip is finally here and we're sending 16 youth and advisors to Cuba!

Dates:	June 19-30 (departure from FPC-Holt at 2am!)
Destination:	Matanzas, Cuba (Lazara Aragon-Stanfel's home state)
Mission projects:	elementary school garden/playground revitalization and VBS
Mission partners	Lazara's home community of Calimete and Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada de Jaguey Grande

Please pray for our mission team and our Cuban partners – that relationships will be born and the Body of Christ will be strengthened!

We would also welcome your help as we gather materials for our work. Anyone who would like to join in the mission by contributing supplies from the list below are encouraged to drop them off in the plastic bin outside the office by Sunday, June 12.

- Paint brushes for painting playground equipment, fences etc.- 15-20 brushes
- Candy - (trick or treat size packages)-20 to 30 bags
- Seeds for planting a garden: tomatoes, cabbage, cucumber, green beans, lettuce, radishes, carrots, potatoes, onions, beets, garlic
- Water balloons-as many as possible
- Sidewalk chalk - many
- Elementary school supplies
- Sanitary pads
- New or used:
 - soccer balls-10 or so
 - footballs -10 or so
 - hand sized stuffed animals



Back on the Radar:

Saying Good-Bye to Ben & Lauren

Although the original date didn't work, the original plans are still in place! Join us after worship next Sunday to celebrate our time with Ben & Lauren and wish them well for their future. Bring a dish to pass and we'll supply the dogs, drinks and tableware!

FPC-Holt Awarded Calvin Institute of Worship Vital Worship Grant*

With a proposal to take a year-long, deep dive into the meaning and expression of the seasons of the liturgical year, our congregation has been awarded \$15,000 for the creation of new paraments (the ornamental hangings and vestments in a church) that will be revealed as they are completed throughout the year.

We are deeply grateful to the planning/writing team of Lois Furry, Cheryl Gamber, Brandon Grafius, and Chris Larson who worked with our pastors to vision, research and write the successful grant application.

At the heart of the grant, our congregation will have the honor of working with renowned liturgical artist, Catherine Kapikian, founder of Wesley Theological Seminary's Henry Luce III Center for the Arts and Religion. Click [here](#) to see some of her creations.

In addition to working with churches across the country, Catherine has prepared commissioned works for the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Yale Divinity School, the National Presbyterian Women Triennial Conference, the Washington National Cathedral and soon (with your help) the First Presbyterian Church of Holt!

Not unlike our own Cheryl Gamber, one of Kapikian's specialties is "participatory aesthetics" which means come late summer/early fall, you will begin to see opportunities for taking part in the creative process (from one hour stand-alone events to more extensive commitments). In the meantime, your response to this short [survey](#) would be very helpful as we meet with Catherine and start to move our project from concept to reality.

We look forward to a year overflowing with creativity as we all learn more about the theological space around us and create and engage the art of worship...together!

*The Vital Worship Grant is made possible by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

You can learn more about Catherine Kapikian's approach to her art and ministry [here](#)

Families of Young Ones

June 11 at 3pm

"A Gerber Good-bye"

(a.k.a. Pool Party at the Turners!)

This is the Gerbers final weekend before moving to Heather's new church in Ohio and our chance to give them one last taste of Michigan!

Where: Matt, Allison, Lucas, Levi and Lennox Turner's (528 Riverwalk Dr., Mason)

What to bring: a dish to pass (think Michigan!) and a swimsuit

A Note from the *Reverend* Heather Thum-Gerber

To my church family:

I truly can never tell you how much you all have meant to me over these past 7 years. You have been my companions on this journey and your support has been unwavering. Thank you for all the ways you showered your love at my ordination with your gifts of a prayer shawl, a stained-glass picture for our new home, financial support, a stole, every individual card, and for your very presence. My heart is truly full as I start down the yellow brick road of my first call—I mean, I was wearing red shoes that day and there is truly no place like home. Thank you for having been my home.

With gratitude and peace, Rev. Heather Thum-Gerber

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FPC-Holt is hosting three blood drives this summer. Pick a date that works for you and register at www.redcross.org

June 22 from 11am to 4:45pm

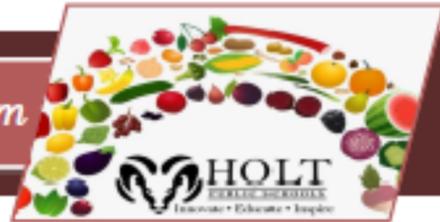
July 6 from 11am to 4:45pm

August 22 from 11am to 4:45pm

FPC-Holt Has a New Ministry for the Summer!

Once again, the Holt School District offers free meals for the school district and we'll be hosting one of their stops from June 20 through Aug. 5. The program is self-sustaining, but if you happen to be at church during one of the lunches, please take every opportunity to share some of that trademark FPC-Holt hospitality with our neighbors!

HPS Summer Feeding Program



We are excited to announce the continuation of the Summer Feeding Program! Meals are **free** to any child from any school district under the age of 18 or up to the age of 26 if enrolled in a public school.

We welcome you to pick the best location for you!

Mobile Lunch Sites (Meals must be eaten on site)

- Bus pick up will begin on Monday June 20th and run - Friday August 5th
(No Service on July 4th)
- Stop #1: Delhi Manor / 12:00pm – 12:30pm
4075 Holt Rd, Holt, MI 48842
- Stop #2: Holt Presbyterian Church / 12:40pm – 1:10pm
2021 N Aurelius Rd, Holt, MI 48842
- Stop #3: Kensington Meadows / 1:20pm – 1:50pm
4245 W Jolly Rd, Lansing, MI 48911
- Our mobile sites will run rain or shine, please visit www.hpsk12.net for menus and more information!

Hope Middle School (Meals must be eaten on site)

- Hope Middle School will be serving Breakfast and Lunch Monday – Friday
June 20th – August 5th (Closed July 4th)
- 2020 Park Ln, Holt, MI 48842 / Please use Door 19 to enter the cafeteria
- Breakfast Serving Time: 7:00am – 8:00am
- Lunch Serving Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Please visit www.hpsk12.net for menus and more information!

Washington Woods Middle School (Meals must be eaten on site)

- W. Woods Middle School will offer Lunch service
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday June 20th -August 4th (Closed July 5th)
- 2055 Washington Rd, Holt, MI 48842/ Please use Door 07 to enter the cafeteria
- Lunch Serving Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Please visit www.hpsk12.net for menus and more information!

Summer Birthdays

June 1	Chris Shaw, Lisa Horwath	July 19	Dick Bacon
June 2	Kaitlyn Holmstrom	July 20	Cheryl Gamber, Callie Jones, Madeline Metts
June 3	Jayna Akright, John Zdankiewicz	July 21	Sandy Gleason, Pam Akright, Carol Evans, Ah Rin
June 4	Aaron Andrews, Jody Anderson, Libbey Jones, Joe Heilman	July 23	Eric Croley, Nancy Coppernoll
June 7	Andrew Rathbun, Steve Pingston	July 24	Mike Malone
June 8	Steve Gleason, Grace Gamber	July 25	DJ Lee
June 10	Phil Gamber	July 26	Rebecca Howe
June 11	Chris Larson, Kyle Hoffman, Monica Drolett	July 27	Sarah Zietlow
June 14	Meghan Andrews, Megan Lloyd	July 29	Maggie Reid
June 16	Tom Parks	July 30	Brandon Grafius, Kirk Miller
June 17	Kylen Douglass, Maddie Evans, Jonathan Hetrick	July 31	Kelley VanHorn
June 19	Damon Bolden, Virginia Farr	Aug 1	Ron Hope, Sharon Neal
June 20	Wilma Akright, Levi Turner	Aug 3	Kerri Parks
June 21	Beth Gleason, Mandi Woodward, Verla Miller	Aug 4	Cheryl Zuidema
June 22	Jared Andrews	Aug 5	Kathryn Ambts
June 23	Denisa Kassa, Brian Hetrick	Aug 9	Haley Bentley
June 24	Sally (Hartenburg) Stoddard, Barry Crassweller	Aug 10	Nancy Silvey
June 25	Alexander Knapman	Aug 11	Sharon Parks
June 28	Cora Caron	Aug 13	Matthew Howe, Alek Doerr
June 29	Eric Parry	Aug 14	Helen Caudell
June 30	Joel Spitz, Brogan Sutterlin	Aug 15	Grant VanLiew
July 1	Natalie Heilman	Aug 16	Tom Miller, Jennifer Sasota
July 3	Christine Snyder, Don Brand, Deb Green	Aug 18	Tom Byerley
July 11	Tom Snyder, Amelia Hoffman	Aug 19	Robin Bolden
July 12	Thomas Malone	Aug 21	Amber LaFond
July 14	Diana Stubig, Karly Rudd, Jim Shaw, Kalin Gleason	Aug 22	Abigail Malone
July 15	Walt Sutterlin, Bob Green, Lee Ireland	Aug 24	Rob Reid
July 16	John Joss, Ann Parry	Aug 25	Norah Brand
July 18	Chloe Bet	Aug 28	Denis Zietlow, Whitney Hoffman, Curtis LaFond
		Aug 29	Rebecca Bossenbroek, Ken Hoffman
		Aug 30	Brionna Hornus, Rylie Boyko
		Aug 31	Alice Sklar

Summer Anniversaries

June 13	Ann & Don Parry	July 28	Chris & Eric Larson, Thomas & Dani Malone
June 19	Marcia & Bob Larsen	August 4	Ed & Ellen Parrott
June 20	Roger & Diana Stubig, Al & Carol Evans	August 7	Steve & Sandy Gleason, Devin & Shana Lamb
June 21	Joe & Brandye Croley	August 8	Maury & Bonnie Mahieu
June 22	Lynn & Tom Beard, Anissa & Thomas VanLiew	August 11	Alice & John Sklar
June 27	Brian & Megan Lloyd, Kirk & Jen Miller	August 13	Steve Akright & Susan Lesperance-Akright, Jared & Meghan Andrews, Eric & Emily Dawdy
July 4	Walt & Tina Sutterlin	August 14	John & Wendy Pritzlaff
July 17	John & Karly Rudd	August 16	Dee & Mike Malone
July 18	Zach & Kara Fisher	August 17	Brian & Meg Gleason
July 20	Tom & Christine Snyder, Bill & Nancy Brock, Jim & Debbie Shaw	August 19	Tom Miller & Susanne Dayton
July 25	Clark & Renae Schnepf	August 25	Ray & Anita Rustem, Brian & Elfa Hetrick
July 27	Brendan & Megan Goodrich		

Other Dates to Note	June 5	Celebrating our Graduates
	June 19-30	YIA Mission Trip to Cuba
	June 24-29	FPC-Holt Week at Camp Greenwood
	July 17-20	VBS Family-Style
	Aug. 7-20	Pilgrimage to Scotland
	Sept. 11	Kick-Off of the 2022-2023 Program Year



MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS



JUNE IS NATIONAL PRIDE MONTH

FPC-Holt is one of 230 congregations who are proud members of More Light Presbyterians, a group within PC(USA) whose mission statement is: Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

If you'd like to learn more about the work we're supporting through MLP, [check out their website here](#) and follow them on Twitter and Facebook.

STATS FOR THE STEWARD May 31, 2022

Our pledges are an important part of our church life. Following is the pledge update and a brief income and expense statement.

PLEDGE RECEIPTS	ADULT PLEDGES
**HISTORICAL AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$19,457
RECEIPTS LAST MONTH	\$19,347
MONTHLY OVER OR UNDER + / -	-\$110
PLEDGED AMOUNT Y.T.D.	\$110,696
RECEIPTS Y.T.D	\$110,768
YTD OVER OR UNDER + / -	\$72

*Amounts are predicated on anticipated receipts rather than expenditures.

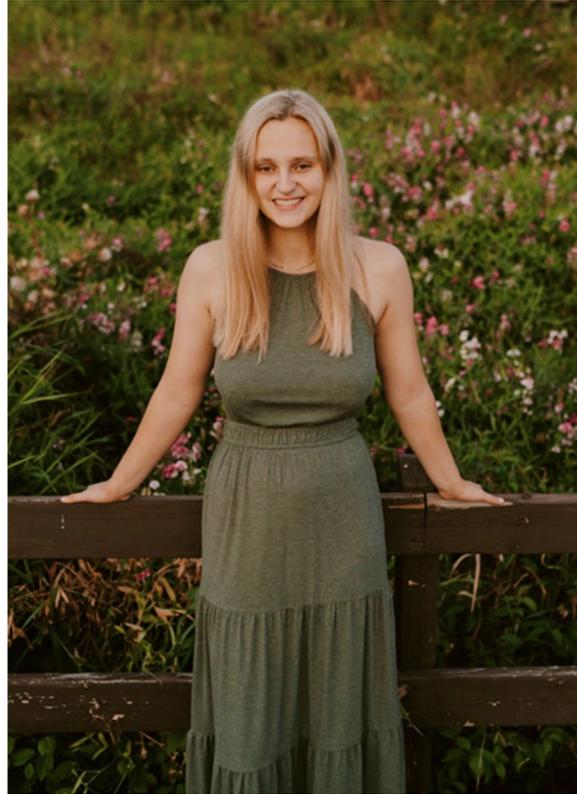
<u>INCOME:</u>	Current Month May-21	2021 Year to Date	Current Month May-22	2022 Year to Date
Regular Income	\$20,318	\$207,192	\$20,848	\$135,961
Validated Mission Offerings	\$253	\$2,788	\$130	\$2,044
Extra Commitment Opportunities	\$600	\$11,359	\$3,766	\$7,631
Total Income	<u>\$21,171</u>	<u>\$221,339</u>	<u>\$24,744</u>	<u>\$145,636</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>				
Total Expenses	<u>\$28,693</u>	<u>\$171,580</u>	<u>\$37,523</u>	<u>\$170,928</u>
DIFFERENCE: INCOME/EXPENSES	<u>-\$7,522</u>	<u>\$49,760</u>	<u>-\$12,779</u>	<u>-\$25,292</u>

**Historical amount pledged reflects the yearly amount pledged times average 5 year historical percentage calculated as: the percentage of actual receipts for the current month divided by the yearly amount pledged for each year for the last 5 years, then an average is taken of the 5 year total percentages



Hats Off to the Graduates!

BREANNA CARR, the daughter of Michael and Audra, and sister to Logan, graduates from Holt High School with honors and as a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in gymnastics for over ten years, being a part of both club and high school gymnastics. Breanna was captain of the Holt varsity team for the past two years. She also participated in the Sports Medicine program at the high school this year and was ordained a deacon in our congregation. Next year she plans to finish the Holt Early College Program at LCC with the hopes of getting her associates degree in Kinesiology next summer. After Early College she plans to transfer to Central or the University of Findlay.



Open House Invitation from the Carr's

The Carr family would like to extend an invitation to Breanna's graduation celebration to everyone in the church family. Please join us next Saturday the 11th from 4-7pm.

JOE CORNER, son of Andy and Nancy Corner, graduated with high honors from MSU Lyman Briggs Neuroscience program. He was awarded an MSU Board of Trustees award (one of 180 students graduating with a 4.0GPA). Joe will be attending medical school at MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine starting in June, 2022.





CONNOR SCARBOROUGH-LAMB, son of Devin Lamb and Shana Scarborough-Lamb, is graduating from Holt High School as an active, long-time member of our youth groups and a church member in his own right. Connor would like to give his personal thanks to all of you who have supported him over the years:

“My plans for the next few years are to attend Lansing Community College and then transfer my credits over to a four year university to study Architecture. My interests are in Art, and History, and participating in the YIA program with our congregation. It has helped me grow so much throughout the years I’ve attended and I’m so thankful for all the opportunities I’ve been given, and the people I’ve met along the way”.

ALEC STOUT, son of Beth Gleason and Paul Stout, is graduating from Holt High School with academic honors. During his high school career, Alec played JV and Varsity Tennis for 4 years. Senior year he earned a spot in the quarter finals of the Div 1 State Finals, breaking a school record. He also played JV and Varsity Baseball for 4 years. Alec earned CAAC All Academic Honors during his sports career.

Alec is dual enrolled in Lansing Community College, as a participant in Holt’s early college program, and is on the Dean’s list. He plans to complete his final year of LCC next year, before transferring to Michigan State University to study Food Science.



ZACHARY VANHORN, son of Jerry & Kelley VanHorn (one of our newest members!), brother to Jeffrey and Bradley, graduated from Holt High School having been on the honor roll and being active on the Varsity Soccer team and in his youth group. Zachary is pursuing an apprenticeship in welding, plumbing and pipe-fitting with the goal of becoming a commercial plumber.



Scotland Is Calling & These 25 Pilgrims Are Answering!

On Sunday, August 7, the trip that's been 3 years in the making will finally leave the U.S. for a 2-week pilgrimage to the "mother country" (for the Presbyterian church anyway). Please keep them in your prayers as they spend one week with our sister church, the Parish of Traprain (near Edinburgh), and the second week on the Isle of Iona (returning on Saturday, August 20).

Deb Bachman	Jeff Cwiek	Jim Maddry	Beth Outerson	Eric Spitz
Diane Ball	Mitchell Eithun	Dee Malone	Ellen Parrott	Gail Spitz
Carl Brooks	Myra Hiske	Mike Malone	Ann Pepe	Joel Spitz
Sally Brooks	Shari Horwath	Kirk Miller	Jean Seward	Keith Spitz
Susan Brown	Marcia Howe	Marcia O'Brien	Luke Seward	Heather Thum-Gerber



Mid-High Youth Connection Welcomes Rising 5th Graders to a Mid-Summer Pool Party

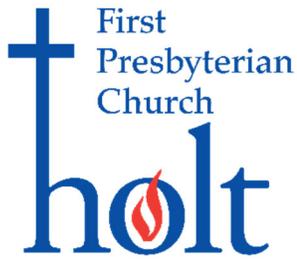
When: Sunday afternoon, July 3rd

Where: at a "pool to be named later"

Contact kirk@fpc-holt.org if you want to hear more

Come see what all the MHYC fun is about!





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“It’s not a place you join,
it’s a family where you belong”

Please give a warm welcome to the following new members:



JOY ALDEN has the distinguished middle name of “Thorburn” so we know she’s a natural fit for FPC-Holt! In addition to being part of a long line of Thorburns in our church, she’s Trudy Smith’s sister! Joy is retired but stays active with puzzles, cooking, horses and other pets and is joining us by Reaffirmation of Faith.



JOAN BAUER (not pictured) is Jean Bauer’s daughter and a past member of FPC-Holt who is re-joining us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Although Joan doesn’t like to brag, we’ll do a little for her in letting you know that Joan served on the Lansing City Council for 9 years until being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives where she served 5 years. That same community-minded interest represents one of her goals here as she has an interest in our ministries in social justice and community service.

REBECCA BOSSENBROEK was attracted to our church because of our Reformed theology and it’s a passion she has expressed through the past as a director of worship for 13 years at St. Stephen Lutheran and 4 years as choir director at River Terrace. She continues to share her musical gifts as a member of Sistrum (the Lansing Women’s Chorus) and by blessing everyone sitting around her in the pews — try it and say hey!



CARL AND SALLY BROOKS are jumping right into church life at FPC-Holt, signing up to be a part of the Scotland pilgrimage before the ink was dry on their membership certificate! Carl and Sally come to us from Brooklyn Presbyterian (where they will continue as affiliate members), where she served as a deacon and he served as an elder with roles as a trustee and on the finance committee.

PHYLLIS CAMPBELL moved to Holt in order to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren, coming to us from Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Greenwood Village, Colorado. An ordained Deacon, she has (among other things) been a Bible study leader, active in Presbyterian Women, choir member and church school teacher. She's looking forward to discovering what God has in store for her at FPC-Holt – and so are we!



RUTH ERGEN (not pictured) is a neighbor of FPC-Holt ambassador Owen Horwath (Josh and Lisa too!) She started attending our church pre-Covid, stayed active online throughout and was happy to join in our first no-mask-new-members class since 2019! Ruth enjoys reading, spending time with her 2 dogs and working outside at home, and she's interested in joining our adult study groups and learning more about our children's ministry.

DR. BRANDON GRAFIUS is a very familiar name in our pews and music ministry and he's now decided to add his name to the membership rolls! Brandon first became involved at FPC-Holt as part of the Upstream service, continued as a regular attender and contributor at Vespers and is now taking part in leading our Lauds group. When asked what attracted him to our congregation, Brandon gave an answer that many of us can appreciate: "Roped in by the pastor; held by the community."





About 10 years ago, you may remember a fresh-faced high schooler who was a regular participant in our Global Family Fellowship and Youth in Action ministries. Last fall, that same fresh face (Aung Htae) introduced his wife, **TAYLER PAW**, and now 16-month-old son Leo to FPC-Holt. Tayler is joining us by Reaffirmation of Faith and has served at the Lansing Korean Baptist Church. Tayler works as an auditor at Meijer with a most fulfilling hobby: playing with her son!

Having already been “initiated” into FPC-Holt by way of Wakanda, bounce houses and our Families with Young Ones group, **VIC, JENNIFER & ANDREW SASOTA** join us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Vic served 12 years in active duty with the Army military police and is now employed with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Jennifer is a librarian at the Michigan State Library, and Andrew is a rising 4th grader at Lansing Christian.



When she’s not helping and serving others, **JENNIFER SPENCER** (not pictured) enjoys crafts and bowling and was introduced to FPC-Holt by her friends Tanya Olson and Amalia Imeson. One thing we’ve learned about Jenny: if you need a smile or some positivity, just hang out with her! She’s hanging out with us by way of Letter of Transfer from Olivet Baptist Church.



KELLEY VANHORN is joining us by letter of transfer from Mt. Hope United Methodist Church where she served as a member of several councils, boards and the prayer team and outreach team. Kelley is also a musical member as she was in the choir and played with the Methodist version of ROK. She and her husband Jerry are both educators and when she’s not working being the mother of Jeff, Zach and Brad, Kelley’s hobbies include reading, baking and crafting.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee includes dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday and all programming.

July 1, 2022: Deadline for early registration. Fee: **entire event \$90; Friday only \$25; Saturday only \$75.**

After July 1 until July 20, registration fee is \$100 for entire event; partial days remain the same as above.

Once registered, you may cancel your reservation before July 20 and receive a 50% refund or find someone to take your registration instead. No refund after July 20. Registration closes July 20, 2022.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Presbytery _____ Church _____

Name to be on name tag _____

Meals needed _____ Friday dinner _____ Saturday lunch
Special diet: _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten free _____ Other _____

Emergency contact person _____

Phone _____

Make check payable to **PWSOC** and send to:



Audra Carr, Registrar
4731 Holt Road
Holt, MI 48842



“Look! I’m doing a new thing, now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.” Isaiah 43:19 (CEB)

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant 2022 Gathering, July 29 – 30, 2022

First Presbyterian Church
600 N. Brady Road
Dearborn, MI 48124



The **Reverend Dr. Carol M. Bechtel**, author of the 2022-2023 PW Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight*, will give us an introduction to this new study.

Rev. Bechtel has been a professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI since 1994.

Other featured speakers include:



Susan Jackson Dowd, PW Executive Director, has served as PC(USA) national staff in Louisville since 1988, the first six years with the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and the last 24 years with Presbyterian Women/Horizons.

Charon Barconey, CRE, Associate Executive Director of the Presbytery of Detroit



Rev. Kathy Reeves, Presbyterian Women’s National Moderator



Schedule of Events

Friday, July 29, 2022

- 4:00 Registration, Resources, Wall of Hope, Mission Project**
 5:30 Welcome and Dinner
 6:30 Singing
 Opening Devotions, Lighting of Christ Candle
 Plenary address, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel, Author of the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*
 8:00 Evening prayers
 Birthday Party

Saturday, July 30, 2022

- 8:30 Registration, Resources, Wall of Hope, Mission Project**
 8:45 Singing
 Welcome
 Morning devotions, Lighting of Christ Candle
 9:30 Keynote by Susan Jackson Dowd, PW Executive Director, *Hope Renewed with Grassroots Action*
 10:30 Break
 10:45 Workshops, Session One
 Bible Study Carol Bechtel
 Hope in PW Kathy Reeves
 Matthew 25 and PW Charon Barconey
 12:00 Lunch/blessing
 Resources, Wall of Hope, Mission Project**
 12:45 Singing
 1:00 Business meeting
 Finances
 Election of new leaders
 Recognition of outgoing leaders
 Report from Betty Kennedy, Synod Rep to PW Board
 PW Board Search Committee Report from Erin Focke
 Report from the Synod Executive, Rev. Chip Hardwick
 1:45 Break
 2:00 Workshops, Session Two
 PW Hope & Action Susan Jackson Dowd & Sara Gresh
 Hope in PW Kathy Reeves
 Matthew 25 and PW Charon Barconey
 3:00 Break
 3:15 Closing worship, communion, offering and installation of leaders
 4:00 Gathering Concludes

Workshops

- #1 – **Bible Study** – Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*
 #2 – **Hope in PW** – Rev. Kathy Reeves
 #3 – **Matthew 25 and PW** – Charon Barconey, CRE
 #4 – **PW Hope & Action** – Susan Jackson Dowd & Sara Gresh

****Please note that our Mission Project will be a collection of paper products to be given to a local agency supporting women and girls. We encourage you to bring feminine hygiene product, toilet paper, toweling, napkins, tissues, and other paper staples.**

Hotels

Please note: We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. If necessary, you can cancel the reservation later. We have not made a PW room block. Each of these hotels is about 2 miles from the church.

Comfort Inn near Greenfield Village Radisson

20061 Michigan Ave.
 Dearborn, MI
 313/436-9600

Country Inn & Suites by

24555 Michigan Ave.,
 Dearborn, MI
 313/562-8900

Holiday Inn Express

24041 Michigan Ave.
 Dearborn, MI
 313/565-1800

Red Roof Inn

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