

# First Things—April 21, 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)

## SENIOR ADVENTURES VISIT

# Flint Institute of Art



Wednesday, May 15,  
meet at 9AM sharp  
Docent tour 10:30-11:30AM  
\$11 for the tour

Lunch after at The Moose Preserve in  
Bloomfield Hills  
RSVP to Anne Ross

## We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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

**Empathetic**

Stephen Minister



## Statement of Discipleship

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

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



## April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

### Spotlight on Dexter Snyder

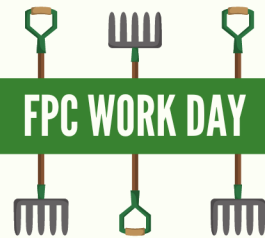


Volunteering lets me answer God's call to make a better world. I am drawn to needs that energize, strengthen, and educate our congregation, and enrich worship. Our Church's outreach programs let me contribute in ways that truly make a difference, especially with youth and families in need.

Favorite volunteer moment? Every moment of learning when I tutor the Pontiac Alcott students is exciting and priceless. The spiritual uplift of being part of Choir is a foundation of my faith.

How do you volunteer at church? I am a long-term Choir member. I taught Sunday School and ran the Church's SOS Week for a decade. I have served on Session and the Board of Deacons. Outreach has been my focus, and I was most recently Church liaison to Baldwin Center, Pontiac. I brought their Poverty workshop to FPC and got them summer camp programs through my connection with Cranbrook Science.

COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
HOURS FOR  
YOUTH.



SUNDAY,  
MAY 5  
AFTER 10AM  
WORSHIP

COME CLEAN UP THE GROUNDS!  
BRING WORK GLOVES!  
WEAR JEANS TO CHURCH!

## April Deacons' Pantry—Baldwin Center

They have requested single serving snack bags and diapers.

**BALDWIN CENTER**

Feed, Clothe, Educate, Empower

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**Outreach Ministries Potluck**  
*with Youth From Foster Care*  
 co-hosted with Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
**5:45 PM**  
**In Calvin Hall**

**Sign up outside Calvin Hall.**



**PICKLEBALL & PRAYER**  
**PLUS EUCHRE!**  
**NEXT GAME NIGHT!**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**  
**7:00-9:00 PM IN KNOX AUD.**  
**PLAYERS OF ALL LEVELS WELCOME!**



*Rejoicing Spirits*  
*Worship*  
**April 21 @ 3:00 PM**  
 Our "no-shush" service for persons of all abilities.



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

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



**Supporting Alcott Teachers Mission Outreach**  
**Return items by May 5**

*Leap into Learning*

There are a few frogs left to select - these would make good group gifts. These are items teachers have requested for this school year or to use in Fall 2024. Return purchased items with the frog tag attached unwrapped and leave it in Alcove C (in Calvin Hall). 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!




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](mailto:donna.zabowski@yahoo.com). All are invited!

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

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**



*Concerts at First presents*

**AUDIVI**  
**IN CONCERT**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

Audivi is Detroit's premier professional choral ensemble. The highlight of the concert will be Frank Martin's Mass for Double Chorus.



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



**FP Hand-in-Hand Early Learning**  
 Center 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](mailto: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!