

# First Things—May 5, 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, **June 24-27** 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



Register today using this QR Code:



**Please consider how you can volunteer.**  
See Martha Piesko  
(marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org)

## Outreach Ministries Dinner

*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.**  
**Donations appreciated.**



## We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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



## Statement of Discipleship

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

## "Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention"

A representative from AFSP will talk 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. All are invited!

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



*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.

THE  
CHANCEL  
CHOIR  
PRESENTS

## FEEL THE SPIRIT

**by John Rutter**

*A Choir Cantata*

**MAY 19, 2024**

**10 AM WORSHIP**

**NO 8:30 AM**

**WORSHIP**

**Wear Red for Pentecost**

**Blanket Sunday is May 19. \$10 provides a blanket.**

**BLANKET THE  
WORLD IN**

*love*



**CWS Blanket Sunday** | *And don't forget to do good and share with those in need.*  
— HEBREWS 13:16

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**Supporting Alcott Teachers**  
Mission Outreach/Pontiac Partnership

**Return items by May 5**

*Leap into Learning*

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that chose a frog with a request from an Alcott teacher. Please return purchased items with the frog tag attached unwrapped by **MAY 5** and leave it in Alcove C in Calvin Hall. These items will be delivered to teachers shortly thereafter. 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!




*Rejoicing Spirits*  
*Worship*

May 19 @ 3:00 PM

Our "no-shush" service for persons of all abilities.





**Did You Know?** Anyone who is a member of FPC is invited to serve communion at the 10am service. There is a sign-up sheet in a pink folder on the table outside Calvin Hall. If you need more information or have questions, please text or call Linda Erickson at 248.408.8069. We would welcome your participation in this sacrament.

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

**May Deacons' Pantry—  
Foster Care Coalition**

Please donate feminine and daily hygiene products, facial tissue, new children's clothing, luggage, duffels & backpacks.



Faith Communities  
Coalition on Foster Care

*Connecting Congregations with Foster Kids*

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS MAY 20!**

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME**

THURSDAY, JUNE 20  
7:05 PM START  
\$12/TICKET



Jimmy Buffett Night  
Wear Hawaiian Clothes

EMAIL [DONNA.ZABOWSKI@YAHOO.COM](mailto:DONNA.ZABOWSKI@YAHOO.COM)  
TO ORDER TICKETS

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT 2024**

We're getting together a **Leadership Team to Plan ABC** and to fulfill the following roles (roles may have multiple people): 1) Worship planning, includes theme, music, liturgy & graphics, 2) Hostess and guest recruitment, 3) Worship participation recruitment & organize rehearsals, 4) Decorate, get materials & set-up, 5) Hostess communication, seating & nametags, 6) Coordinate security & candlelighters, 7) Charity donations management, 8) Organize clean-up.

ABC date selected by team, probably December 5. Contact Dawn Swarthout at [dawn@fpcbirmingham.org](mailto:dawn@fpcbirmingham.org).



Book Groups. See Adult Faith Formation:


FP Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center info:




SCAN ME

**Volunteer Opportunities**

See webpage by scanning the QR code for more info.



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**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!