**Take the CAT** (the Congregational Assessment Tool)! Now through June 10th! Your thoughts matter as we discern our future as a church! Go to the link or contact Pastor Julie or Nina Wash for a paper copy.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCWarrenMI](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCWarrenMI)

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**June Scripture Readings**

**June 3rd**  
Psalm 139  
1 Samuel 3:1-21

**June 10th**  
Genesis 1  
(Creation)

**June 17th**  
Genesis 3  
(Adam and Eve)

**June 24**  
Genesis 12-25  
(Abraham)

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**Pastor’s Corner**

**Journey Through the Old Testament This Summer!**

What do the lives of people who lived thousands of years ago have to tell us about our lives today? What do they have to tell us about who God is and how we might relate to God?

As Christians, we believe they have quite a lot to tell us! The Bible is the sacred story of the people of Israel and then the early followers of Jesus who took all these stories of God’s work in the world to the ends of the earth. Our Confession of 1967 says that, “The Old Testament bears witness to God’s faithfulness in his covenant with Israel and points the way to the fulfillment of his purpose in Christ. The Old Testament is indispensable to understanding the New, and is not fully understood without the New.”

As Christians we hold all of scripture as sacred and important to our understanding of who God is, and yet digging into the Old Testament can sometimes feel intimidating to us. The cultures are so very different from our own. There are lots of laws and prophets, kings and judges to figure out. And...there are 39 books to slog through!

This summer in worship, we’ll be going through the whole Old Testament in just 12 weeks! Come each Sunday to hear the big movements of the story of God and Israel. See how your favorite parts (or at least the parts you remember most!) of the OT connect to the whole and imagine how your own personal story connects with the big story of God’s people!

Turn the page to find out the BIG way we’ll be launching this new series on June 10th!

Peace,

Pastor Julie

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

First Presbyterian Church of Warren is a welcoming family of God following Christ’s teaching and putting faith into action.
**Christian Education**

**CHILDREN:**
There will be No Sunday School on June 10th – it’s our “Howell day” with a special live animal presentation for all the kids and grown-ups!!

Last day for Sunday School is June 17th – this class will have a fun end of the year activity offered. During the time for children we will recognize SS class helpers as it takes a village to run a CE program and come and say thank you to all our helpers and our Teacher Lauren

Summer time worship ‘bags’. Cozette & Nina are working on getting our bags ready for summer to help our littler members enjoy worship as much as our older members. If you have any ideas of what can be added to the bags please contact one of us.

Just an FYI - Sunday School class room clean up. Our SS classroom will be cleaned; sorted and painted up in August - date TBD.

**ADULT:**
Pastor Julie has found 2 VERY interesting books that we are excited to introduce in the fall through Bible study or possibly home meetings. Keep a look out for the details!

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**A Deacons Heart**

When the weather becomes more inviting for outdoor pursuits, we might not see each other every Sunday. With a congregation of this size, it could become challenging for your pastors to know when a family is simply out of town on vacation, or if someone is under the weather.

In continuing efforts to expand our Deacon Ministry of congregational care; the Deacon’s have developed a summer contact program. So don’t be surprised if you receive a card, get a phone call or visit. So as you enjoy your summer pastimes, know that your church family continues to care for you and we want to share our Deacon’s heart with all of you!

Grace and Gratitude,
Pastor Nancy

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**Alexandria’s Nature Bus**

“And God saw that it was good!”- Genesis 1

Come and join us to experience God’s creation and word together in community! Alexandria’s Nature Bus from Howell Nature Center will be with us on Sunday, June 10th. We will share in a short outdoor worship service, a live animal presentation, and lunch. All are welcome!

Bring a friend!

Contact Pastor Julie for more information:
Julie@firstofwarren.com
Our 2018 Confirmands

Kayla Bousquette, Brandon Middle School, 8th Grade, "What I like about our church is that we are open-minded and we accept everyone with open arms no matter who you are or what your past is like."

Sarah Bousquette, Brandon Middle School, 6th Grade, "What I like about church is that we’re one big family and everybody cares about each other."

Kaley Brown, Warren Woods Middle School, 8th grade. "That it’s like a family and we get out into the community. I also like taking part in the music program and worship services."

Zoe Pierowich, Agnes E Beer Middle School, 8th grade. "I like being apart of First Church because everyone is welcome. You would never feel misplaced or unwanted at First Church ever. We are a very welcoming community and make everyone feel good."

Daniel Hudgins, Agnes E. Beer Middle School, 8th grade, I will be going into the 9th grade at Warren Mott High-School in the fall. "What I like about First Church is that you feel welcomed and that you are taking a huge role in your community. I also like the way we are coordinated with the other churches near us even though we have different beliefs. This astonishes me because no church I have attended has done anything remarkably close to that."

Andrew Stanley Johnson, 2018 Graduating Class of Fitzgerald High School. Andrew was involved in a variety of activities. Football being his first choice, Culinary being next, then TV production where he actually won a scholarship to attend a convention in Nashville earlier this year. Andrew plans on attending Macomb Community College where he will be working toward a Culinary Degree or maybe something doing with History.

Kaitlin Fazio
Kaitlin graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Journalism, and in December she will be getting a second Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts & Studies. She appreciates all those at First Presbyterian that supported her during this time.
**Mission**

The grand total for the One Great Hour of Sharing is $794. Thank you to all who gave!

We will be collecting *Cereal for Summer* during the month of June. Remember to bring your cereal donation to church during June! Cereal, breakfast bars, juice boxes, raisins, and non-perishable milk are all welcome! The breakfast items will be given to families in need by our church partners through their food programs.

Our next Gleaners day will be Saturday, June 2, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Gleaners is on Mound Road, between 9 and 10 Mile roads. Note: The Gleaners' address is not visible from Mound Road. It is better to look for the Salvation Army address, which is 24140 Mound Road. Gleaners is behind the Salvation Army building. Wear shoes that cover your foot – no open toes, or open heels. Wear t-shirt and knee length shorts or sweatshirt and jeans. Children age 10 & older with parents are welcome! Come join us! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the sanctuary.

July will be the month for the Pet Food Drive! August 11 will be another Gleaners Day!

**Presbyterian Women**

All women of the church are invited to join us at The Master’s Restaurant for our “Dinner Out” on Tuesday, June 12th, 6:00 pm, The Master’s Restaurant is located on the north side of 13 Mile Road at Dequindre. There is a din-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the Narthex. A choice of three entrees will be offered (see the sign-up) and individual checks will be given. Please join us for good food and great fellowship.

We will help Second Mile Center with their Health Fair on Tuesday, July 17th by providing hygiene kits (see side bar for contents). This is an invitation for the entire congregation to help provide a kit or two. All items can easily be purchased at a Dollar Store. Place the items in a Ziploc bag and bring to the church nursery before Sunday, July 8th.

Thanks again for making our 35th Soup and Salad dinner a success. The profit from the dinner was $806.92 with approximately 120 in attendance. We will donate $500 to the Second Mile Center for their summer programs and $300 to the Detroit Rescue Mission to use as needed.

We will not meet in July or August, have a safe and blessed summer, see you in church.

Judy Webb

**THE INCLUSION MINISTRY**

A huge thank you to all those who made the End of the Year Picnic such a success. On May 18th, the Cousino students, Residents of the Village of Warren Glenn, and First Presbyterian Church celebrated a wonderful year of friendship. We had a special guest of Rosco the Clown to entertain us. Food was prepared and made by the First Church Men’s Group, Carol Yoshida, and Elaine Wash. The kids and their teachers are already looking ahead to the Fall to continue their visits with the residents of Warren Glenn and our members here at First Church. First Church received a grant to help fund exciting events for the next school year. Visit the First Church website to see a gallery of fun pictures from this year!

**Hygiene kits contain:**

1 toothbrush (individually wrapped)
1 tube of toothpaste (6.4 oz.)
Dental floss
Bath size bar of soap
A wash cloth
15 oz. shampoo
15 oz. conditioner
Deodorant
Chap stick
**Putting Faith Into Action**

**Pastor’s Pen…….**

**The Top Five Reasons NOT (?) to Go to Church This Summer…….**

Yes, it’s that time of year. The weather warms up and all across America churches empty out. Rather than ignore this trend, I thought I’d help justify the behavior. So here we go….

1. **There is Church In the Summer?**
   
   Yup. Every Sunday morning just like the rest of the year.

2. **The Lawn Need Mowing**
   
   Mowing your lawn on a Sunday morning is a sure way to annoy the neighbors. Don’t risk it; come to church.

3. **Building’s Not Air-Conditioned**
   
   Well, sort-of true. But I believe Jesus said to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Won’t you sweat with me one hour?” Or something to that effect. Plus, bulletins make terrific fans. Don’t believe me – just watch. Plus, our Sanctuary IS Air Conditioned!

4. **I Take the Summer Off**
   
   If you’re simply not in the habit of going to church in the summer, this is the year to break it! Amaze and inspire your friends as you receive the spiritual refreshment that comes with regular church attendance. Don’t be surprised if people begin to comment on how good you look. You will be able to respond with, “I’ve been going to church and it looks good on me.”

5. **I’m Away For the Weekend**
   
   That’s great – really! I hope you have a relaxing time. And I bet there’s even a church nearby. Use Google and GPS to guide you to a pew on Sunday morning.

   Perhaps you found a reason listed to stay away from church this summer. But if NOT, enjoy worshiping the risen Christ with us here at FPW throughout the summer. May the days ahead be a time of rest, refreshment, and relaxation.

Grace and gratitude,

Pastor Nancy
The choir will be finishing up our season on Sunday, June 3rd. I wish to thank every single choir member for their dedicated service this year. It was my first year here so it took some getting used to on their part, and they were most patient and helpful to me as I got the ball rolling this year. Also, several choir members from Erin Church joined with us — much to our delight. They were quickly included and welcomed.

We are ending on what feels like such a happy note (no pun intended). Our choir works together better than any choir I have ever worked with, and even after many years of singing together they strive to make improvements and are totally open and willing to trying different techniques. I so appreciate this group — and I hope you do, too.

On August 25th, the choir will be meeting for the day at church to do their first "retreat." We will be working on improving our sound and learning new pieces, and we will be EATING. YAY!! There is nothing better than singing AND eating, right choir?

Once again, my thanks and gratitude to each choir member for their help and hard work this year.

June Zydek
Director of Music

May Session Highlights

♦ We will be sending 5 kids to Camp Westminster this summer with funds from the Dan Webb Memorial Fund.

♦ Made plans for having a consultant come to interpret the CAT and begin strategic planning with us later in the summer.

♦ Discussed a chapter from the book "Growing Young" on empathizing with young people.

♦ Prayed for concerns in our church, community, and world.

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Annual Church Campout
July 13th, 14th & 15th
Addison Oaks County Park.

It’s almost that time of year for our annual church campout. Addison Oaks is less than an hour away. There are many ways you can join us for this fun weekend; camp out Friday and Saturday, join us for the day Saturday for a hike or just relaxing and/or then join us for a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. There will also be a Sunday morning church service at 10:00 am.

Don’t have a tent? Don’t worry we have extra for those of you who want to camp but don’t have the supplies! There are cabins at this park as well, you can call them directly for availability at 248-693-2432. A security deposit of $28.00 (checks can be made payable to Nina Wash) no later than June 15th.

Contact Nina at ninawash@outlook.com, 586-764-0604 (texting okay) or if you have any questions!!
Celebrating …

ROLAND, GERIANNE 2
MCINTYRE, DAVID 3
BREWER, SUSAN 6
MCINTYRE, ADRIANNE 5
BREWER, SUSAN 6
ORTH, DIANE 7
REDHEAD, JACK 8
MCINTYRE, MELANIE 8
MCINTYRE, NICOLE 8
SCHAFER, ARDEN 15
MACFARLANE, JOYCE 16
FAZIO, KAITLIN 17
CARLSON, TAMARA 22
STAWARZ, GRANT 23
BROWN, LOGAN 25
JOHNSON, SUSAN 27
RAYMOND, LISA 30

Roland, Gerianne 2
McIntyre, David 3
Brewer, Susan 6
McIntyre, Adrianne 5
Brewer, Susan 6
Orth, Diane 7
Redhead, Jack 8
McIntyre, Melanie 8
McIntyre, Nicole 8
Schafer, Arden 15
Macfarlane, Joyce 16
Fazio, Kaitlin 17
Carlson, Tamara 22
Stawarz, Grant 23
Brown, Logan 25
Johnson, Susan 27
Raymond, Lisa 30