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*Chip Wall, Chair*

# FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

FOUNTAIN STREET

The new year is off and running! I am very honored to serve as the chair of the FSC Governing Board and I look to you for your advice, opinions, and support in this new role! This new year brings with it the prospect of some very exciting changes, and as always, some challenges as well.

At the January 2020 FSC Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board approved the 2020 Budget as was outlined at our Annual Meeting in November 2019. The 2020 Budget presented last November and passed by the Governing Board was scaled back significantly from previous years with the hope that we would meet and then exceed our goals, however, we are still short of the scaled back budgeted amount for pledges income.

As a Governing Board, we are working hard with phone calls, emails and one-on-one meetings to get everyone's pledge in. I am asking you now for your support in getting in your 2020 pledge in as soon as you can! Paul Arnold and the Stewardship Committee have been working very hard for "funRaising" success so we can continue with the programming we currently have and then expand upon. Be sure to check out the weekly *Friday Flash* and further in this issue of *The Chimes* for a message there to encourage you to think "outside" the box! We are Fountain Street Church, let's have some fun!

So, beating the drum one last time, if you have made a pledge to FSC for the 2020 year...THANK YOU!

**If you haven't, we urge you to get your pledge in as soon as possible to make 2020 a strong and productive year!**

The Governing Board will meet in early February for our all-day strategy planning session to discuss and set plans and goals for 2020. This is a year with lots of change, with the retirement of Rev. Wooden. The Senior Minister Committee is diligently working to find our next Senior Minister.

We are still working on establishing/re-establishing committees. We need volunteers for the new Adult Education and Events Marketing Committees. In addition, we need help getting greeters organized for Sundays. **If you are interested, just email our board secretary at [boardsecretary@fountainstreet.org](mailto:boardsecretary@fountainstreet.org).**

As always, if you have comments or feedback that you want your Governing Board to hear, send us an email, letter, smoke signal or carrier pigeon to let us hear your thoughts! (Please note no carrier pigeon was hurt in my attempt at humor.) And remember we are available most Sundays in the Social Hall at the Governing Board table to receive your thoughts and comments!

*Chip Wall, FSC Governing Board Chair*



*Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden*

# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



There is a reason February is short - it makes winter feel shorter. Groundhog Day is at the beginning, which just happens to be at the midpoint of the season, about seven weeks after the winter solstice and almost seven before the spring equinox. So, when the groundhog says, 'six more weeks of winter,' it's the same as saying  $2+2=4$ .

Trivia aside, I said these last four *Chimes* articles would be about the four qualities I believe you should seek in my successor. The first was transparency, that a good spiritual leader is as honest as possible with the people they served.

The second is accountability, which broadly means taking responsibility. To be accountable means telling folks what you mean, meaning what you say, making commitments and following through. The opposite is often easier to see. Leaders who are vague in their words, who do not follow their own advice, who excuse their errors by blaming others, are avoiding responsibility. They are, ultimately, not not leaders because they do not want to be tied to those they serve.

And that's the key to being a leader. No matter how visionary, charismatic, or brilliant, she or he is only a leader if they are connected to the lives of those they have been asked to lead. That's why it is 'followers' who choose leaders. Sometime this year you will be asked to elect a president, a senator, a member of Congress, and a new spiritual leader.

They cannot become those things unless we choose them.

Anyone can be visionary alone, charismatic on Youtube, or brilliant on paper. To be a leader means being accountable to those who choose you to lead. If there is a long-time problem with our national government it is that even those we elect seem not to care about those who cast those ballots. They are accountable to others: funders, parties, ideologies.

Both this church and this nation need their people to realize their responsibility, which is to choose people who will be transparent and accountable to them. It takes vision on your part, to look beyond the immediately appealing aspects of a candidate and sense whether they are being transparent about who they are and what they say. It takes intelligence on your part to discern if a candidate is truly accountable, understand responsibility, and will honor it.

I trust the search committee to do the very best job they can, and they have been working on it for a long time already. It is now time for you, the members of the church, to prepare to do your part. Talk with each other about what really matters to you. Listen to what others say. Are you being honest with others and yourself about what matters to you here at FSC?

Maybe transparency and accountability are not just for ministers! -WFW-



# A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

11AM IN THE SANCTUARY

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE

### REV. DR. FRED WOODEN SPEAKING

#### FEBRUARY 2ND

##### **"Between the Notes: Music and Silence" | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden**

FW welcomes Christina Fong, Associate Concertmaster of the GR Symphony, who will present Bach's most famous piece for solo violin, the Chaconne from the Suite in d minor. Inspired by an idea he read earlier, Fred will frame this piece as a kind of prayer or meditation. Perhaps the perfect thing for a Sunday exactly halfway between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox.

#### FEBRUARY 9TH

##### **"Diamonds in the Rough" | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden**

FW and the choir will explore another strand of American music, the shape note tradition of group singing that arose in the mid 19th century which encompasses many old tunes that evoke the spiritual history of America.

#### FEBRUARY 16TH

##### **"A Clear and Present Danger" | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden**

The Perugino Quartet returns with a guest to offer the Mozart Clarinet Quintet, which is the basis for FW's remarks, "A Clear and Present Danger."

#### FEBRUARY 23RD

##### **"A Sobering Experiment" | Rev. Christopher Roe**

Often when we talk of sobriety, the mere mention offers to us negative connotations and preconceived notions. While sobriety has come to describe a particular pattern of behavior "away" from something, we rarely discuss how sobriety is indeed a virtue that points us to something even greater. On this eve of the Lenten season, let's imagine for a moment how sobriety might bring just a little more light into a world that so desperately needs our light to shine.

**REV. ANDY  
DEBRABER**

INTERIM CHAPEL MINISTER



# FSC CHAPEL

**SUNDAYS 9:30AM**

## **BECOMING ANTI-RACIST, UNLEARNING WHITE SUPREMACY**

One of the time-honored traditions of Fountain Street Church is that we don't shy away from life's difficult issues. In fact, we prefer to tackle them head-on.

In January we began in Chapel a deeper discussion of racism and white supremacy. It was not a perfect discussion. It was not a complete discussion.

And that's part the point. Too often folks don't enter these discussion out of fear or guilt or simply not knowing. Yet the door must be open to sometimes create safe space and to sometimes create brave space, where we can speak and say what we need to - and hear what we need to, especially when it's challenging.

As a largely white institution which operates in white ways, we must first be educating ourselves. Second, we must engage in a mutual partnership with others so that we might be changed. Third, we must change in response to those partnerships.

We began this conversation and we will continue it. With February being Black History month, I encourage you to pick up a book, watch a movie, or follow a blog that will teach you more about racism and white supremacy. Let it break your heart.

Then let it move you. Take some action to deliberately put yourself in spaces where you are making relationships across the spectrum of skin colors. Support Black and minority-owned businesses. Go to places where you are in the minority. Be attentive to the richness there and the pain. Know that you won't be perfect and that's okay.

Each of us doing our own parts will lead us toward that dream that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is so famous for. We will become a richer tapestry, a more colorful community. And we will all be better for it.

It will take practice. Help is available. If creating the life of deeper meaning and greater value your heart desires appeals to you, join us at 9:30AM in the Chapel every Sunday. We hope to see you there!

**Living fully, Rev. Andy DeBraber, Interim Chapel Minister**



# FSC CHAPEL COMMUNITY

CREATING A LIFE OF DEEPER MEANING & GREATER VALUE

# EVERY SUNDAY 9:30AM

**People come to our weekly Chapel Service for all kinds of reasons:**

- Every Sunday offers a time of guided meditation, taking us places we didn't know we could go
- We practice pluralism, honoring the distinct wisdom and traditions of many peoples who seek life beyond self-interest
- We honor the seasons of the year, the rhythms of nature, and festivals from around the world
- Tackling our fears and challenging issues of the day feeds our souls
- We celebrate and practice social justice
- Our vulnerability is real as we share our joys, struggles, and stories with one another courageously and safely
- The art from our community envelops us with beauty, grace, and challenge
- To sing the most incredible songs from the past 60 years with our amazing Chapel Band
- Moving participatory communal rituals open us up to new truths and healing
- To embrace old friends and to make new ones
- For a cup full of really good coffee
- Diverse teachings that are conversational, inspirational, and image-rich
- We walk away with something unexpected that makes lives better
- We are reminded to take responsibility for our lives and to be creative in doing so, including asking those around us for help



*Rev. Christopher Roe*

# FROM THE MINISTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE & LEARNING

There is no shortage of community building opportunities during the month of February. From social outings to group reads, there is something for everyone as we continue to focus on cultivating community and understanding the value of ours.

It is my hope and prayer that each of you finds a place of welcome and belonging in these opportunities, and as always, invite you to reach out to me with your own ideas, questions, and hopes for our congregation. Take a look and see the places in which you belong!

## **CONNECTIONS SMALL GROUPS**

*Tuesdays and Sundays in February and March at Fountain Street Church*

Join us as we grow deeper with one another and explore what it means to lead with our hearts. Using Brene Brown's *Dare to Lead* as inspiration we will connect with one another in ways that make us see value in ourselves and one another as leaders in this community. Please contact Jean Bahle at [jahled@hotmail.com](mailto:jahled@hotmail.com) or see her in the Social Hall to sign up.

## **FOUNTAIN OFF FOUNTAIN: SCREEN CLUB**

*Monday, February 10th | 6PM | Wealthy Theater*

Join us as we explore the NBC television sitcom sensation *The Good Place*, and hear from and discuss with film and philosophy experts. Whether you are an avid watcher or have not even heard of it, all are welcome to this fun, free, and engaging event!

## **FOUNTAIN OFF FOUNTAIN: BOOK CLUB**

*Tuesday, February 11th | 6PM | Kirsten Lundeen's home*

Join us as we continue our exploration of community and its value by reading Mark Nepo's *More Together Than Alone*. The book was so good that we wanted to keep discussing it, and all are welcome to join in this conversation with us as we continue to find value in our own community.

## **FOUNTAIN OFF FOUNTAIN: HAPPY HOUR**

*Wednesday, February 12th | 6PM | Paddock Place*

Join us for a fun, lowkey, and low commitment gathering at Paddock Place. The rules are simple and the expectations are low - show up, spend time with familiar faces, and let yourself get to know some new ones! It is always a blast and everyone is welcome!

## **FOUNTAIN CLUB BAKED POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER FOR WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP**

*Sunday, February 23rd | 12PM | Social Hall*

Please join us in support of The Fountain Club for a satisfyingly filling baked potato bar fundraiser on Sunday, February 23 in the Social Hall.

The lunch will be **\$6 per person or \$18 per family**, and will help us raise funds for our DC2020 summer trip. We thank you in advance!



# MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

Linda Jones, Interim Choir Director

## COME SING WITH US!

The new year is a great time to join the FSC Adult choir. We rehearse on Thursdays from 7-9PM and sing most Sundays with a rehearsal at 10AM to prepare for the 11:00AM Service. Childcare can be provided if you need it. We are in particular need of a few more tenors and will welcome with open arms any new singers who want to join us.


The FSC Adult Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7:00PM in the choir room. You are invited to join the choir if you enjoy singing and have most Sunday mornings available. Linda Jones is directing the choir this year. She has a wealth of experience working with church and community choirs in the Ann Arbor area and has been attending FSC since 2014. She also leads the Grand Rapids Threshold Choir which she founded when she moved to town. This will be an exciting musical year as we continue to explore some of Fred Wooden's favorite musical works and grow our beloved community of song. **If you are new to choir this year, contact Linda Jones at [ljones@fountainstreet.org](mailto:ljones@fountainstreet.org) to let her know of your interest.**

Also, if you need child care provided to facilitate your involvement in the choir, let her know that, as well.

## UPCOMING CONCERT:


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# PULPIT

11AM Worship Services | April 19 – June 14, 2020

## **April 19 | Reverence for Life**

Our unique service that celebrates spring, Earth Day, the ancient story of Creation and our relationship to animals of all kinds. Bring your animal companion to work this Sunday and behold a miracle.

## **April 26 | Rev. Matthew Cockrum**

Rev. Cockrum received a Masters of Divinity from the Meadville Lombard Theological School and was ordained in the Unitarian Universalist Church. Rev. Cockrum served as the Minister of Spiritual Life and Learning at FSC from 2007-2012. We Welcome Rev. Cockrum back to the FSC pulpit!

## **May 3 | Rev. Rob Keithan**

Rev. Keithan is the Minister of Social Justice at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Washington DC. Rev. Keithan is also a faith organizing and training consultant specializing in reproductive health, rights and justice issues, currently working on faith engagement with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

## **May 10 | Rev. Katherine Lee Baker**

Rev. Baker received a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Baker is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. Rev. Baker is passionate about community engagement. We Welcome Rev. Baker back to the FSC pulpit!

## **May 17 | Rev. George Heartwell**

Rev. Heartwell was ordained as a minister in the Reformed Church of America and the United Church of Christ. He was a full-time pastor and advocate of Heartside Ministries for fourteen years before a political career that led to his role as the Mayor of Grand Rapids, 2004-2016. We Welcome Rev. Heartwell back to the FSC pulpit!



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## **May 24 | Dr. Elias Ortega**

Dr. Ortega is the President and Professor of Religion, Ethics, and Leadership at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Dr. Ortega is an interdisciplinary scholar with a M. Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

## **May 31 | Rabbi Al Lewis**

Dr. Albert M. Lewis is Rabbi Emeritus of Grand Rapids Temple Emmanuel. Dr. Lewis earned his Doctorate in Hebrew Literature in 1978, and has been awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by HUC-JIR and a Doctorate of Literary Letters by Aquinas College.

Rabbi Lewis is a nationally recognized writer and speaker.

## **June 7 | PRIDE Sunday**

Fountain Street Church hosts its Second Annual PRIDE Celebration service with words of passion and music of inspiration at a worship service dedicated to honoring our LGBTQIA + community!

## **June 14 | Dr. Doug Kindschi**

Dr. Douglas Kindschi, now in his 44th year at Grand Valley State University, served in the position of dean for 28 of those years. He is currently a University Professor of Mathematics and Philosophy and the Director of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute. In August 2015, Grand Valley named its new science building the P. Douglas Kindschi Hall of Science, recognizing his role in advancing the sciences at the university.

Special thanks to the Pulpit Supply Committee for their work in curating this schedule!



## **PAINTINGS OF WIETZE ADEMA: A SOLO EXHIBITION**

January 12 - March 1, 2020  
Keeler Gallery, Fountain Street Church

Wietze Adema was born in the Netherlands, immigrated to Canada with his family, and obtained U.S. citizenship after graduation from Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

In 1987 he received an MFA from Western Michigan University. His work is in public collections including the Toronto Public Library, Grand Rapids Public Library, and the Grand Rapids Arts Council, as well as many private collections.

He was Artist in Residence at the Byron Center Fine Arts Center in 2018 and the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center in 2019.

About his work, Mr. Adema says, "In my search for clarity in the chaos around me, I usually turn to landscape or streetscape as metaphor. My work is based on photos, sketches, or memory. My hope is to give a personal expression that is both powerful and revealing."



# FSC SCREEN CLUB AT WEALTHY THEATRE

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OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

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### Monday, February 10th

6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE  
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# The Good Place



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## STAR TREK PICARD



## Screen Club

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### Monday, April 27th

6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE  
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## WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS

## Screen Club

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### Monday, May 11th

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# EVENTS AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

**Sunday,  
February 2,  
2020**



The over 7,000 individuals served from the Westminster Food Pantry in 2019 selected 17 items from a list of approximately 50 products each visit; From dish soap, to rice, beef stew, crackers, and yes, also soup. In fact, almost always **soup**.

Soup is a staple for our Heartside neighbors. It's hardy, tasty, easy, can be mixed, often it can even be opened without a can opener. Soup is a vital component for many.

In 2019 we received over \$31,000 in "in-kind" donations, meaning actual gifts of product. Soup was one of the most popular donations – a huge help. We can purchase soup through Feeding America for a fraction of the cost at a grocery store.

**Remember Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2, and bring cans, cases, cash, or checks** to assist the pantry in carrying out its mission to feed the hungry and give grace and assistance to those neighbors in need. Soup cans and cases, along with monetary donations can be brought to the Food Pantry table in the gathering place. Thank you!



**Let's make it a super Souper Bowl and fill the shelves!**

THE FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

## TAKE A BOOK KEEP A BOOK LIBRARY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 2/2** *Connections: Leading By The Heart* Begins
- 2/9** All District Potluck for Family Promise
- 2/10** FSC Screen Club: *The Good Place*, Wealthy Theatre
- 2/16** WYCE Presents: Whitney and Chai at FSC, Sanctuary
- 2/28** *Straight Up With Stassi* Live, Sanctuary
- 3/6** Laughfest Presents: Miranda Sings w Colleen Ballinger
- 3/7** Laughfest Presents: Justin Willman: *Magic In Real Life*
- 3/14** Laughfest Presents: Fortune Feimster
- 3/21** WYCE Presents: Josh Ritter, Sanctuary
- 3/28** *Welcome to Night Vale* LIVE, Sanctuary

## LISTENING AT THE FIRE PODCAST



## GOOD NEWS AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

Email Virginia at [vanzengruber@fountainstreet.org](mailto:vanzengruber@fountainstreet.org) to have your news shared in the next *Chimes*!

**Deb and Gerry Bose** have a new granddaughter.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Bahle** for directing *A Streetcar Named Desire* at GR Civic Theatre!

**Tim Chester and Henry Mathews** have a new granddaughter.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Virginia Anzengruber (FSC Content and Communications Mgr)** who is celebrating her 9th anniversary this month!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to FSC Office Manager Kim Ras!**



# EmbodimentGR



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# COMMUNITY LIFE

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## SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

These are exciting, but stress-inducing times for Fountain Street Church.

We ask for your patience and continued support while we continue to search for a candidate worthy of this congregation.

### Here's where we are right now:

The Search Committee has reviewed more than a dozen applications from qualified candidates. We selected a small number of semi-finalists and are interviewing them now, using FSC's new video conferencing system.

The next step will be to select finalists to meet with the committee face-to-face. Because they may have applied to other churches as well as Fountain Street, we cannot predict how they will respond. Please understand that, out of respect for the candidates and for our process, we must maintain confidentiality during this time.

In the meantime, the Governing Board has been exercising due diligence and is preparing for the possibility that the right candidate may not be found at this time. In that case, an interim, or temporary, minister would be hired and the SMSC would continue to do its work.

*The Senior Minister Search Committee:* Buzz Wynbeek, Bryan Walters, Lydia Stubbs, Sharon Morley, Todd Fettig, Gary Eberle, Bob Chapla, Tim Chester and Marty Arnold

## ALL DISTRICT POTLUCK SUPPORTING FAMILY PROMISE

### ***Sunday, February 9th, After 11AM Service In the Social Hall***

Gather after our Church Service in the Social Hall to share a potluck lunch to support Family Promise. Family Promise is an organization whose goal is to end homelessness one family at a time. Bring food such as a main dish, salad, dessert or your speciality. We will be accepting a small donation to be used for homeless families.

## NEW MEMORIAL TILES PLACED

The Fountain Street Church Foundation is pleased to announce that new tiles have been added in the Memorial Tower Room for two long-time members of our FSC community: **Bob Taylor and Tom Chettleburgh**

*In the rising of the sun  
And in its going down,  
We remember them.*



A hand holding a lit sparkler against a dark background with bokeh lights.

COURAGE IS  
*contagious*

*Connections*

February 2nd - March 24th

THE LEARNING COMMONS  
AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH





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## Connections Returns for Winter 2020

***Leading by Heart: re-discovering your courage at Fountain Street Church***

For the past two years, Connections Circles have been meeting for 4-week sessions around the theme of "Change" - examining our fears and resistance to change as well as our strategies for whole-heartedly embracing change. This Winter, as we head into yet another transition phase with new church leadership on the horizon, we offer two sets of 4-week Connections series with a particular focus on leadership.

**Using Brene Brown's book, *Dare to Lead* we will:**

- discover, explore and re-define what makes a good leader
- discover our own leadership qualities in a Connections setting
- discover another way to be intentional in community

**What is Connections? Intentional small groups of 6 to 8 people who meet to experience a new way of speaking and listening to each other, creating the time and space for deeper and better conversation.**

As part of the Learning Commons, the "Leading by Heart" sessions are offered on Sundays from 10:45AM-12:30PM and on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11AM on the following dates:

- Session One: Sundays - Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 and again on March 1, 8, 15, 22.
- Session Two: Tuesdays - Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 and again on March 3, 10, 17, 24

We encourage choosing either Sunday or Tuesday; the material covered will be the same for both, but staying with and getting to know the same group of folks is the real benefit. For an 8-week experience, participants are welcome to take both the February and the March gatherings. We will be using experiential exercises in addition to "circle process," the heart of Connections.

**You may signup by contacting Jean Bahle [jahled@hotmail.com](mailto:jahled@hotmail.com) or (616) 454-5736.**

## Volunteering at God's Kitchen 2020


Happy New Year, my friends and fellow Fountain Streeters! Another year has zoomed on by and suddenly it's 2020! Oh my! Looking forward to another year of lending our helping hands to folks who need, and so appreciate us, on the first Monday of every month\* from 11am until 2:30ish, beginning Monday January 6, 2020!

If you can fit this easy and definitely rewarding commitment into your schedule, you will be joining a dedicated and jolly group of folks who work like a well-oiled machine and often cap the afternoon with a trip to Founders afterward for great sandwiches, great beer, and scintillating conversation about any number of subjects; FSC-related and otherwise. Please resolve to be a part of our group in 2020!

If it is no longer a good fit or if Life has other plans for you, please let Carolyn Matheson know [\(586\) 212-7437](tel:5862127437) or [mathesonkid1@yahoo.com](mailto:mathesonkid1@yahoo.com).

Make 2020 the Year of Seeing Clearly!\*

February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7



# #DC2020

FOUNTAIN CLUB FUNDRAISER

## *Baked Potato Bar*

Sunday, February 23rd  
12PM in the Social Hall

**\$6 per Person**  
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## View the 150th Anniversary Scrapbook!

Stop by the Narthex or Social Hall and take some time to page through the "Scrapbook of Events" developed by the 150th Committee to memorialize FSC's 150th Year Celebration. We've included posters and pictures from most of the events planned by the 150th Committee. **View the booklet online at:** [fountainstreet.org/fsc150](http://fountainstreet.org/fsc150)

## Support the Church, Reduce Your Tax Bill

If you are age 70 1/2 or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may qualify for a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Once a person turns age 70 1/2, the IRS requires a minimum amount be withdrawn from their IRA each year -- this Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is taxable as ordinary income. However, eligible charitably-minded members and friends of FSC may elect to have all or a portion of their RMD sent directly to FSC (as an annual pledge to support ongoing operations or to support the Fountain Street Foundation). This direct charitable contribution from your IRA to the Church or any other charitable cause may lead to reduced taxes. If you have questions about this opportunity, please reach out to any member of the Stewardship Committee, Governing Board or Foundation Board.

## Women's Intergenerational Book Group

Join us from 1-2:30PM in Rm. 101 to discuss these books:

February 24th: *My Dear Hamilton*

by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

March 23rd: *Next Year in Havana*

by Chanel Cleeton

April 27th: *The Silent Patient*

by Alex Michaelides

May 18th: *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*

by Joanna Cannon

## PRIDE Celebration Participants

The FSC Pride Circle is looking for LGBTQ+ Fountain Streeters to participate in the Pride Celebration on June 7, 2020. If you or someone you know has a message to share or a story to tell, we'd love to hear it. **Contact Danny at [dheck@fountainstreet.org](mailto:dheck@fountainstreet.org) for info.**

## Chapel Art Exhibit Open through March 8th

Renee Therriault and the Chapel community are proud to announce a new show: the artwork of Bux Dhyne. These provocative portraits and vintage collages are on now open to view.

## BeFrienders Ministers are here for you!

Have you ever wondered about the Befriender Ministry here at Fountain Street Church? We are a group of individuals who have gone through special training as a "listening presence" for folks on the rough journey which is life. Reasons people seek us out are varied, including a death in the family, job loss, a serious medical diagnosis or major life event. We are here to "care" and not "cure" through a compassionate, respectful non judgmental listening presence. Complete confidentiality assured and available for as long as needed. The holidays are over! Sometimes we are left with many feelings when holidays end. It can be a lonely time. Befriender Ministers can help untangle the knot of feelings that occur during a chilly month without much sun. It can be a time for reflection on relationships and the year ahead. **If you would like a friendly ear to listen, please call [Mary Moore at 616-552-2925](tel:616-552-2925).**

## FSC Men's Poker and Conversation

We are welcoming men to enjoy an evening of cards and discussion. This is always a pleasing event, with entertaining cards, good conversation and resolution of the world's issues. All of this in one evening! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-9PM, downstairs in RM 101. *Our next gathering is Wednesday, February 12th.* All opinions and poker skills are welcome. Poker is for low stakes. **For more information contact Lynn at [269.274.5807](tel:269-274-5807) or [lynn@bcparkshore.net](mailto:lynn@bcparkshore.net).**

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## HELP WANTED

Do you have an idea that can help raise funds for Fountain Street?  
Are you willing to help plan and organize projects and events that can build community as well as expand our resources for exciting new programs? Are you willing to help cook or serve at a Sunday lunch, or a dinner dance? Or help implement an auction or a carnival or a talent show or an election night watch party?

Let us know your ideas and how you are willing to help.

email: [funRaising@fountainstreet.org](mailto:funRaising@fountainstreet.org)  
or drop us a note at the office



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## Second Family Promise Home Renovated & Ready for its New Family

Congratulations to FSC's Build Guild for its completed renovation their latest Family Promise modular home. Build Guild volunteers started this second project in the middle of November and completed their work in January with a visitation of the remodeled home taking place on January 28th. The new family is scheduled to move into their renovated home in early February. Our thanks to the following volunteers who helped with this worthwhile project: Kirsten Lundeen, Cathy Neis, Jay Fowler, Dolli Lutes, Paula Swanson, Sue Chapla, Gary Morley, George Zuiderveen, Jim Winter-Troutwine, TJ Norris, Ken Norris, Ellen Chamberlin, Tom Logan, Don Wheeler, Todd Johnson and project manager Skip Swanson. (See collage below for before, during, and after photos.)



## Build Guild Trip to New Bern, North Carolina

Build Guild will arrive in New Bern February 23rd and work with Habitat for a week fixing houses that were damaged by Hurricane Florence in September of 2018. **Build Guild is selling our lovely teal T-shirts for \$25 to support our NC trip.** All levels of skills are needed. \$400 will cover the cost of travel, housing, breakfast and lunch. Dinner is usually in a local restaurant. Some scholarships available. **You can contact Dolli Lutes at 616.453.3539 or [lutesd@gvu.edu](mailto:lutesd@gvu.edu) for info.**



**Tell us how you see the future of FSC.**

**Make a 2020 PLEDGE so we can sustain our vision.**

**Volunteer for one of the new and newly empowered committees.**

**Join or start an interest group. Teach an adult or kids school class.**

**Talk to us at the Board table on Sunday or contact the Church office.**



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## Ushers Looking for Volunteers

The Ushers are looking for individuals to join their group. They primarily need individuals to greet people at the door with the Order of Service and help during the Offering. What is the commitment? If you are attending the 11AM Service on Sunday, then you can help out. Pretty simple. If you are considering joining a group at FSC, our group is low keyed and friendly. This is an opportunity to meet and get to know fellow Fountain Streeters.

*If you are interested, contact Jack Petiet at [jbpetiet@gmail.com](mailto:jbpetiet@gmail.com) or talk to him in the Narthex prior to the Service.*

## Bring in your Spartan Receipts, Box Tops, & Hygiene Products

Bring your Family Fare, D&W Fresh Market, and Forest Hills Foods receipts in to the black box near the elevator in the FSC Lobby to help our local food pantry receive a \$1,000 grant from Spartan Stores! We're also always collecting Box Tops for Education and Hygiene Products!

## Sunday on Tuesday

The DVD of the FSC Sunday morning 11:00AM Worship Service is shown every Tuesday at 1:15PM at Porter Hills in the Gallery. Our Minister of Visitation, Rev. Dr. David Lee Smith, has been going to Porter Hills every Tuesday for over 10 years. We have several loyal FSCers who love getting together to view this Worship Service. The music, sermon, member speakers, and surprise elements, are all appreciated. Please consider joining the group -- and spread the word to those who might be interested!

## We Need Sunday Volunteers

We are looking for Sunday volunteers of all kinds! Follow the link and sign up to volunteer where you can best serve the FSC congregation! [signupgenius.com/go/805084EA8AA2BA5F94-sunday](https://signupgenius.com/go/805084EA8AA2BA5F94-sunday)

## Memorial Tiles Available


Commemorate a loved one who has passed, as well as help protect the Fountain Street Church building for the next 150 years. Memorial Tiles are currently available for order.

Tiles are installed in the Memorial Tower Room as a permanent remembrance of your beloved FSC member or friend. All proceeds are a donation to the FSC Foundation Fund, which is used to protect, maintain, and improve our beautiful and historic building. *Brochures are available at the Church Office or by calling Randy Allaben at **616-915-5148**.*

## District Leaders Coordinate and Connect at FSC (aka: Beyond Sunday Shared Ministry)

What are "DISTRICTS" at Fountain Street Church? From the moment you step into Fountain Street Church, you belong to something without even having to sign up -- one of our six "DISTRICTS." These are the areas around West Michigan in which most of our congregants live. Districts offer you an easy way to meet folks you may already have something in common with. They will be your closest Fountain Street neighbors! Through the Districts, you will begin to meet and get to know people at FSC in a small group setting and have the opportunity to become involved as your time/individual interests dictate. Why have Districts? To expand social and community development at FSC by connecting members within a specific geographical area/zip code. (Ex: gathering for a meal at a restaurant, or hosting a District social gathering at your home). Caring for fellow District members in need of a meal, rides to appointments, etc. To promote the values of Fountain Street Church.

What District do you live in? Ask the Greeter at the Welcome Desk each Sunday, located by the Coat Closet or contact Melissa at [mhoezee@fountainstreet.org](mailto:mhoezee@fountainstreet.org) to be connected with your District Leader!



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## CLERGY & STAFF

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Senior Minister	Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden
Minister of Spiritual Life and Learning	Rev. Christopher Roe
Minister of Visitation	Rev. David Smith
Interim Chapel Service Minister	Rev. Andy DeBraber
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Custodian	Maleeka Gillon
Facilities Manager	Dave Swanson

### Governing Board

All Governing Board Meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 109. Your questions and/or comments may be addressed to the Governing Board at [boardsecretary@fountainstreet.org](mailto:boardsecretary@fountainstreet.org).

Governing Board updates, including meeting minutes at [fountainstreet.org/governing-board](http://fountainstreet.org/governing-board).

### FSC Church Office

9:30AM - 4:30PM, Monday-Thursday  
(616) 459-8386 | [office@fountainstreet.org](mailto:office@fountainstreet.org)

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