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It's like a book club that you can binge watch.

ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, NEWS AND MORE!

GOOD NEWS FROM THE FSC CONGREGATION

2019 WRAPPED

THANK YOU FROM THE 150TH COMMITTEE

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Win Irwin and Chip Wall

FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board and its leadership are working hard on the transition to the new year with new board leadership and the opportunities and challenges that 2020 will bring.

Chip and I are working hard on connecting our church committee more closely to the Governing Board – so that we can better support all their activities.

As part of this work, we are looking at improving many of our policies and procedures.

We are working hard to create an exciting new year with a rich variety of new and old activities of involvement that unite our church community as we prepare to welcome a new leader.

We have also been very active in assisting the Stewardship Committee with follow up on those people who pledged last year, but have not yet made a commitment for the new year.

Clearly, this is extremely important as we work to finalize our 2020 budget.

We have been communicating with the Senior Minister Search Committee and will be ready to take the first steps when a final Senior Minister candidate is selected.

In the meantime, we plan to celebrate Fred's long service to our church in the Spring.

January will be a month of planning and we welcome your thoughts and ideas as we usher in the New Year.

Please visit us at the Governing Board Table in the Social Hall Sunday Mornings.

-Win Irwin and Chip Wall



Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

Most of the book of Deuteronomy is stuff Moses said before leaving the people he had led for 40 years. I have not led you that long, but fifteen years is not a short time. Thus, like Moses, I would like to use these brief monthly messages to note four principles I live by as a clergyman. Look for these qualities in my successor. They, as much as any skill or gift, will assure you that person will serve you well.

1. Transparency.

In a spiritual democracy, like ours, authority is delegated from the congregation to its leaders. To succeed, those leaders need to share as much as they can to retain the trust and support of the congregation. Of course there are matters that must be held in confidence, and information that cannot be published. Most things, though, can be shared. I believe that your spiritual leader needs to model maximum transparency. As we live in times when elected leaders often conceal their stake and motives, it is doubly important now for those in authority to demonstrate transparency.

Often I have shared my weaknesses and struggles in the pulpit, not to gain sympathy, but to show that being more vulnerable is healthier than trying to hide. When I was a political candidate, I had to list all my financial assets publicly, to assure I was not working for my own benefit. That is not necessary for a clergyman, but I have shared my pledge and that it is a tithe.

Transparency builds trust. In these polarized and suspicious times we need those - people and institutions - that dare to trust each other. I have heard the management is doing things right, and leadership is doing the right thing. Faith, that essential religious word, literally means trust.

Choose someone who will be transparent with you, and who has faith in you as well as in themselves. -WFW-

As an example of Transparency, let me tell you that the extra music this year has been paid for out of several sources. Several members contributed (somewhat more than \$1500). The annual Music budget (not for staff but for extra music) and the Gilson Fund also contributed, (somewhat more than \$3000) and finally my own Discretionary Fund (about \$9000). The Discretionary Fund comes from honoraria I receive for weddings and memorials, contributions, and any residual money from my annual expense account after being reimbursed. It's only used for extra, non-budgeted expenses. For example, it has paid a staffer's health insurance to bridge the gap after leaving, use of the building for groups that could not afford it, and some sabbatical costs from my pilgrimages. You may still contribute to help pay for our guest musicians. **Any residual money will go toward my next pilgrimage to Via Francigena** (www.viefrancigene.org/en/)

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

11AM IN THE SANCTUARY

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

REV. DR. FRED WOODEN SPEAKING

Back to abnormal, you might say, as FW continues his "Year of Preaching Musically."

While mostly classical stuff (and great classical stuff by the way!) one Sunday will be devoted to the legacy of African American spiritual song. On January 5, we start 2020 with Beethoven, as this is the 250th anniversary of his birth. Juan Sebastian Avendano Fonseca - a student at WMU - will be playing the Waldstein piano sonata, perhaps the most Beethovenian of them all, and FW will comment on its remarkable power and inspiration. Then we will pay homage to the African American spiritual tradition with the help of our choir, on January 12. The final two Sundays (1/9 and 26) will feature the Perugino Quartet first doing some tangos (yes tangos!) from three different composers and then the Emperor Quartet by Josef Haydn. Four good reasons to come to church by themselves.

JANUARY 5TH

"Tis a Gift to be Simple" | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden

WFW will speak on this as he explores the power of Beethoven's towering "Waldstein Sonata" played by Juan Sebastian Avendaño. Stay after the Worship Service and join us in the Social Hall to enjoy his final Epiphany Soup Luncheon prepared by him and Wendy. Their annual gift to the Church.

JANUARY 12TH

"Deep River" | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden

WFW will speak on this, which is not only spiritual, but a description of the spiritual tradition itself. From it has come blues, jazz, and more. This may be the greatest musical gift America has given the world.

JANUARY 19TH

"Well, I'm No Masochist, But..." | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden

This title refers to a wicked song in the form of fiery tango dance from Argentina. The Perugino String Quartet will perform three different examples, from tender to testy.

JANUARY 26TH

"Whose Music Is It Anyhow?" | Rev. Dr. Fred Wooden

WFW will speak on this as the Perugino String Quartet returns to play Haydn's "Emperor," whose middle movement is both sublime and troubling. Some thoughts on what happens when music is abused.

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

When I came to Fountain Street Church in 2018, I was told “there are two things you need to know: next year will be our 150th Year of Ministry and with that comes a lot of special programming and events, and after that our Senior Minister will be retiring.”

With one half of this behind us, we now look ahead to our Senior Minister, Fred Wooden’s departure in April. With you, I share a robust mix of nervousness, eagerness, and wonder when I think about the coming transition, and I find myself even more curious about what the future holds for our community of beloved Fountain Streeters, regardless of who we have identified as our Senior Minister at any given time in the narrative you and I are writing together.

Now I know I have said this before but it feels worth repeating: This is an invitation.

Any time the cards are reshuffled and a new chapter begins for a congregation, there is an invitation for all of us to be our best selves and to liver bigger and love broader in ways that we never imagined that we could. Just like our 150th year gave us all pause to consider our past and imagine our future, this transition year is a big, giant, and beautiful invitation for us to step back and look at our congregation and the ways in which we experience it as our chosen community.

In this new year, I resolve, and invite you to resolve, a renewed commitment to all of you. I want to know each of you better and for you to know one another even better than that! I want for us to be intentional about meeting “new” people in our very midst and learning about “old” people we’ve “known” for years, but never truly known.

To do this, I’m inviting you to spend January

through March living intentionally with me through a variety of events, groups, and gatherings that are curated specifically to help us understand the importance of being in community, the importance of our particular community, and the importance of our place within it. While participation in this is not required for a fully satisfying and authentic sense of belonging here at FSC, I know that for myself I am eager to possess a more refined understanding of why FSC is so important to me and why it is so important for me to go deeper, for such a time as this in our story.

I invite you to take a glance at two opportunities below, and as always, if you have questions, thoughts, or ideas, please don’t hesitate to share them with me!

Fountain Off Fountain Book Club Tuesday, January 15th at 6PM

***More Together Than Alone* by Mark Nepo**

I am inviting everyone in the congregation to read this moving book that dives deeply into a discussion about the need for community and the need to be a part of one. This will be the inspiring cornerstone to launch us into our season of community building. More details to come!

Connections Small Groups Winter Session

***Dare to Lead* by Brene Brown**

It is my hope that everyone will find a sense of calling to a Connections Small Group this winter as we offer varied times and sessions to accommodate diverse schedules. Inspired by Brene Brown’s “Dare to Lead.” This season’s titled “Leading by Heart” will help us identify the leaders within all of us, and the many ways in which leaders can coexist in a community of leaders. More details to come!

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 7-9 and sing most Sundays with a rehearsal at 10 am to prepare for the 11 o'clock service. Child care 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 begins rehearsals, Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 pm 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 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:



**MARCH 21
2020**

**FOUNTAIN STREET
CHURCH**



AN EVENING WITH
JOSH RITTER
A BOOK OF GOLD THROWN OPEN

TICKETS AT
AUDIOTREEREPRESENTS.COM

2020 VISION Pledge Progress Report (as of 12/19/19)

We are 82% there.

268 pledges. Ave. pledge = \$2024

\$542,620



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.

THE KEELER GALLERY

www.fountainstreet.org/art

POETRY AND ART EXHIBITS

The FSC Art Committee mounts six or seven exhibits each year in the Keeler Lounge. For many years exhibits during July and August have shown poetry and art related to one another.

Beginning in 2017 these poetry and art exhibits were recorded in online catalogs. In 2017 and 2018 artwork selected from local galleries served as the prompt for writers to produce poems. In 2019 it was poetry that served as the prompt for artists to create two- and three-dimensional works. The catalogs not only serve as a record of the exhibits, they also served to publicize the artwork and poems serving as prompts for creative efforts in advance of the exhibits.

The Art Committee intends to continue these “Ekphrastic Projects” during the summer months. Follow the links below to see all of the art and poetry in these exhibits.

Poetry Inspired by Art 2017

<http://catalog.indexprojects.org/poetryandartexhibit>

Poetry Inspired by Art 2018

<http://catalog.indexprojects.org/poetryandartexhibit2018>

Poetry and Art 2019

<http://catalog.indexprojects.org/poetryandart2019>

CALL TO ARTISTS FOR ADVENT BANNER DESIGNS

For full information on this project, visit <https://bit.ly/35j4NID>.



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."

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Screen Club

OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH


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Monday, February 10th

6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE

Register & find more info at fountainstreet.org/screen-club

The Good Place



THE LEARNING COMMONS
AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

WTS COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER Wt The Commons

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Screen Club


OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

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Monday, March 9th

6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE

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KIDDING

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STAR TREK

PICARD

Screen Club

OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

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Monday, April 27th


6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE

Register & find more info at fountainstreet.org/screen-club

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WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS

Screen Club

OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

It's like a Book Club that you can binge watch.

Monday, May 11th

6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE

Register & find more info at fountainstreet.org/screen-club

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EVENTS AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH



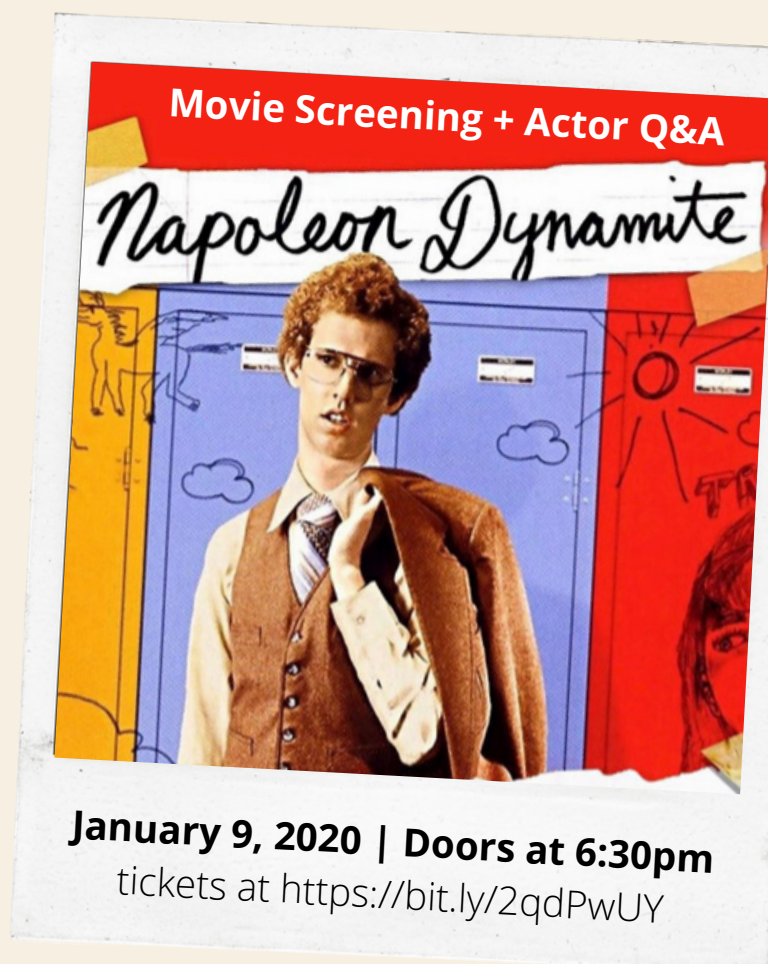
THE LEARNING COMMONS
AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

FREE EVENT

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel

Screen Club
OF FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH
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Monday, January 13th
6PM, MICRO CINEMA AT WEALTHY THEATRE
Register & find more info at fountainstreet.org/screen-club



Movie Screening + Actor Q&A

Napoleon Dynamite

January 9, 2020 | Doors at 6:30pm
tickets at <https://bit.ly/2qdPwUY>



MARC MARON
HEY, THERE'S MORE TOUR

January 31, 2020 | Doors at 7pm
tickets at <https://bit.ly/37vXDMn>



WELCOME TO NIGHT VALE

March 28, 2020 | Doors at 7pm
tickets at audiotreepresents.com

EVENTS AT FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH



Brunch + Bubbly

Celebration of Choice ~ We Brunch Fundraiser

for

Fountain Street Church Choice Fund

Sunday, January 19, 2020
12:30-3:00 pm
Fountain Street Church
24 Fountain St NE ~ Social Hall
\$45.00 ~ \$20.00 for students with valid I.D.
Join us to celebrate our pro-choice & reproductive freedom with brunch.
Mimosas will flow, complete with brunch foods & bevs.
Raffle items, music make for a Sunday Funday.
Don't delay, get your tickets in advance.

*Donations are accepted, fund abortion now



FSC ORANGE & PURPLE DISTRICTS
PRESENT

**SPAGHETTI
LUNCHEON**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020
AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE RED PROJECT
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER BY JANUARY 13TH



34TH ANNUAL

DR. MARTIN

Luther King, Jr.

CELEBRATION
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020
6PM

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Yusef Abdus Salaam
Member of The Exonerated 5

**FREE
EVENT**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | DOORS OPEN AT 5PM | FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 1/9 *Napoleon Dynamite* LIVE, Sanctuary
1/13 FSC Screen Club: *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, 6PM @ Wealthy Theatre
1/19 Brunch and Bubbly Choice Fund Fundraiser, 12:30PM
1/20 34th Annual MLK Jr. Celebration, 6PM, Sanctuary
1/31 Marc Maron LIVE at FSC, Sanctuary
2/16 WYCE Presents Whitney and Chai at FSC, Sanctuary
2/28 Straight Up With Stassi Live, Sanctuary
3/7 Laughfest Presents: Justin Willman: *Magic In Real Life*
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

Deb Bose was recently elected to the Grand Rapids Library Board.

Jean Bahle is directing *A Streetcar Named Desire* at GR Civic Theatre Jan 10-26.

Marty Arnold will give a History Detectives program about the Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids "Old Plank Road," on Saturday, Jan 18 at 9:30AM at the GR Public Library downtown. (Free event)

CONGRATULATIONS TO Paul Arnold for playing Santa Bernie (Sanders) in the Dog Story Theatre's production of *No Room at the AirBnb* this past December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Todd and Patti Johnson on their new grandson.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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“Well Done!” FSC’s 150th Year Planning Committee

Congratulations to the 150th Year Planning Committee for the variety and quality of events your group, and its affiliated organizations, planned and conducted during 2019. You made the year special.

Planning Committee Members included:

- Virginia Anzengruber – Communications Manager
- Connor Bardallis – Events Manager
- Penny Barstow – Art Committee
- Judy Botts – Grand Celebration Co-Chair
- Chris Crandell – Archives
- Heather Darling – Chapel Community
- Charlie Gallmeyer -- Choir
- Karry Kidder – District Leaders
- Denise Joesph – Social Action
- John Mitchell – Grand Celebration Co-Chair
- Marie Penny – Women’s Association
- Monica Stegeman – Character School
- Ruth Stein – Duncan Littlefair Great Speakers
- Renee Therriault – Chapel Community
- Paige Ortiz – Photographer
- Jill Hinton Wolf – Co-Chair
- Todd Johnson – Co-Chair

Search Committee Update

Happy New Year, Everyone! We, the Senior Minister Search Committee, are continuing our work as we start the new year.

Over the past six weeks we have received over a dozen applications for the Senior Minister position and we expect several more to be submitted in the coming weeks. We are now in the process of reviewing the applications, narrowing the pool, and selecting a handful of semi-finalists whom will be invited to interview with us in a first round of interviews, to be conducted in the next six weeks.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward.

Sincerely,

The Senior Minister Search Committee

Marty Arnold, Bob Chapla, Tim Chester, Gary Eberle, Todd Fettig, Sharon Morley, Lydia Stubbs, Bryan Walters, and Buzz Wynbeek

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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.

January 19, 2020 Celebration of Choice Raffle Items Needed

Calling all artisans, crafters, business folk! We need your generous giving of items. We are asking for donations of NEW items for the Celebration of Choice raffle. Artwork, crafts, gift cards, furniture, painting, boat trips, hand-crafted items, gift certificates for services, etc., Please drop off items Sundays at FSC or contact the Church Office at **616.459.8386** to schedule a drop off time for items. *Items must be dropped off no later than Sunday, January 12th.*

Women's Intergenerational Book Group

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

January 27th: *The Kerry Girls*

by Kay Moloney Caball

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

Orange & Purple District Spaghetti Lunch

You asked for it, so the Orange and Purple Districts are going to give it another whirl.

January 26th we will host our annual spaghetti lunch. We've heard loud and clear that congregants enjoy hanging around after the 11AM Service to socialize over a meal before heading home. In that January 26th is fast approaching, we Orange and Purple District leaders, Lauren Wheeler and Judy Botts, need to know by January 13th if you are able to volunteer as: the "point person," or assist with table decorations and set-up, prep food, serve lunch, take money, or serve on the clean-up crew. If we have enough volunteers to cover the bases, we'll "green light" this event and move forward to organize it. *Proceeds will go to the Red*

Project. Email Lauren at:

laurenwheeler43@gmail.com or Judy at:

bottsj50@yahoo.com. We look forward to

hearing from you! - Judy and Lauren

P.S. - New district members, this is a perfect way for you to meet fellow district members!

Want to do good AND get out of Michigan in February?

Build Guild is going on a Disaster Relief trip the last week in February! We will be going to New Bern, North Carolina and working with Habitat to rehab houses that were damaged in Hurricane Florence.

This will be a great way to help others, get to know other Fountain Streeters, and get out of Michigan in February.

Come to the Build Guild Table in the Social Hall on January 5th to learn more and sign

up. You can also contact Dolli Lutes at **lutesd@gvsu.edu** for more info.

Share your GOOD NEWS with FSC!

Do you have good news to share?

Are you celebrating birthdays, graduations, promotions, anniversaries, weddings, health victories or other good news? Email Virginia at **vanzengruber@fountainstreet.org** to have your good news shared in upcoming issues of *The Chimes*!

COMMUNITY LIFE

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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 will be offered on Sunday mornings from 10:45 to 12:30 and on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 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. Sign-up in the social hall: Sunday, January 12, 19, and 26. **You may also sign up by contacting Jean Bahle 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.

Make 2020 the Year of Seeing Clearly!*

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

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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 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

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 to be connected with your District Leader!



CLERGY & STAFF

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
A/V Coordinator	Danny Heck
Chapel Music Director	James Hughes
Interim Choir Director	Linda Jones
Content & Communications Manager	Virginia Anzengruber
Events Manager	Conor Bardallis
Accounting/HR/Building Manager	Melissa Hoezee
Office Manager	Kim Ras
Custodial Supervisor	Jamie McDaniels
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.

Governing Board updates, including meeting minutes, can be found at fountainstreet.org/governing-board.

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