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mature ministries



Mature Ministries is.....

A selection of programs for First Pres members and friends, age 55 and up. It includes Hilltoppers, our most popular program, study groups, fellowship events, and more!

Our mature years are filled with opportunities to learn, give, share, and explore. Mature Ministries provides programs that connect the gifts of mature members with opportunities in all these areas, inspired by and through our faith in Jesus Christ.

The Mature Ministries Steering Committee know our members, and are responsive to creating interesting, varied, and relevant programs. They meet monthly to address a range of issues and concerns relevant to our members. Why not join the planning and program for this group? Contact Lois Jelneck or Ben Helmke, Co-chairs, or Associate Pastor Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers to get involved.

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Sign up for all events. Call the church office, 662-4466, or email

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See www.firstpresbyterian.org for much more info!

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FIRST THURSDAY - BIBLE AND BOOK STUDY

THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIANS

12:30 - 1:30 p.m., 1st Thursday, First Pres Vance Room



Mature Christian people care deeply about the Bible, and about how God's Word and our faith intersects with current events and complicated issues. This group, led by the Rev. Gary Oliver, semi-retired Presbyterian pastor, will study engaging and relevant topics - biblical and social. Great conversation and new friends are sure to be found! Readings will be handed out ahead of time. Join for one, or come to the entire series! All studies are spiritually-based and biblically-centered.

- September 1 The Ethics of College Sports
- October 6 The Gospel of Judas
- November 10 Understanding Autism (meeting the 2nd Thursday this month)
- December 1 Advent: Who is the Suffering Servant?
- January 5 Books that Didn't Make the Bible and Why
- February 2 What is the Emergent Church?
- March 1 Lent #1: The Tomb of Jesus: Archeology and the Christian Faith
- April 5 Lent #2: Jesus through Old Testament Eyes
- May 3 Eight is Enough? Questions raised by Reproductive Technologies
- June 7 Benedictine Spirituality

Second Thursday: Hilltoppers

Join us for a hot lunch at noon (\$5) prepared by our chef, followed by a speaker and Q & A. Warm fellowship, good food, great topics!

September 8: [Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff](#)
Our new First Pres Head Pastor will share her faith journey

October 13: [Dr. Keiko Asao, University of Michigan Physician](#)
Dr. Asao volunteered with the Tokushukai Medical Assistance Team in Japan last March. She will bring another volunteer to share stories and pictures. Join us for "Recovering from the Perfect Storm in Japan: Two Perspectives"



**PLEASE SIGN UP IN
CHURCH OFFICE**

November 3 (one week early): Jerry Dennis, acclaimed author
Jerry Dennis is an expert on the Great Lakes and a nationally acclaimed writer. His new book is called "The Windward Shore: A Winter on the Great Lakes." His new book will be for sale at the gathering. This is a rare A2 appearance!



December 8: Dave Sanders, retired urban planner, SEMCOG
Sanders, of Proving Innocence (www.provinginnocence.net), will discuss the tragedy of wrongful convictions and the work that his organization does to help free innocent people.



January 12: Dr. David Weir, University of Michigan
Dr. Weir is the Director of the largest single research project at UM - the Health and Retirement Study, a study of Americans 50 and older, that looks at a wide range of issues. He will talk about "The Future of Aging."



February 9: Tomoko Masuzawa, Professor of History, UM
Dr. Masuzawa will talk about the church-state debate in the 19th century, particularly where it involved John Monteith.



March 8: Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, St. Joe Hospital
In 2002, Dr. G, a St. Joe physician, founded the Grace Care Center in his native Sri Lanka. Learn about this girls orphanage and elder care facility - and the opportunities and challenges in providing a home for impoverished children and destitute senior citizens in Sri Lanka's struggling northeast.



April 12: Living and Learning in the Age of Google
Lynly Williams, of Google, on technology - tablets, GPS, Blogs, Vlogs, YouTube, Facebook. Take home a cheat sheet!



May 10: Dr. Andrew Hoffman, UM Ross School of Business
Dr. Hoffman has a joint appointment with the School of Natural Resources. He studies the economic impacts of climate change and sustainable development. He is the author of the acclaimed book, "The Builder's Apprentice," and will speak on "Living in the House You've Built."



THIRD THURSDAY: GIVE BACK IN MINI-MISSIONS

Each Third Thursday, we'll meet in the afternoon for an opportunity to give back. Option A: Stay at church! we'll do things like tie blankets for the VA, make cards, or "fix-up" special things at church. Option B: serve an organization (including Friends In Deed, and Peace Neighborhood Center) in the area. Most projects are 2 - 5:30 p.m. Watch for monthly emails and announcements, and sign yourself up! This is a great way to help, to stretch yourself, to give! See Ginny Rezmierski for more info, ver@umich.edu.

FOURTH THURSDAY: FUN!

Pure, wonderful trips and opportunities to learn! More info coming each month. Transportation provided. Sign up the month before. *Times To Be Determined.*

September 22: 11 am, Motawi Tile tour

October 27: Movie Outing: Quality 16

January 26: Special Seminar: Music for a Memorial Service with Carol Muehlig

February 23: Tour and tasting at Sweet Gems Confections \$10/person

March 22: Movie outing: Quality 16

April 26: Photography Seminar with First Pres member Fred Beutler

May 24: Seminar: Health Benefits of Edible Berries, at Peter Kaufman's

June 21: Holy Toledo!

JOIN OSHER (UM LIFELONG LEARNING)

These classes are offered at First Pres this year. Contact Osher at olliumich.org to register.

Taking the Mystery out of Psychotherapy with Prof Mort Chethik

Wednesdays, November 16 to December 21, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Curtis Room

The Idea that is America with John Schwarz

Tuesdays, October 4 - 18, 1 - 3 p.m., Lewis Room

Also: **DROP IN BRIDGE:** Thursdays, Curtis Room, 2 - 4 p.m., starting 9/17.

Contact First Pres member Don Deatrack if you belong to Osher and FPC to audit

EVERYTHING ELSE

MATURE SINGLES: Sundays, 11 a.m.; Fridays, 5 p.m. See www.firstpresbyterian.org.

FLU SHOT CLINIC: Thursday, September 29, 2:30 - 6:30, at First Presbyterian Church

SATURDAY SUPPERS (October and March) - Small group dinners in host homes!

FUNDRAISERS @ the Big House - Oct. 1 and Oct. 29 - proceeds to our program!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA with the PW - Dec. 11, 2 - 4 p.m., home of Jenifer Martin!

DECEMBER MATURE MINISTRIES SOIREE - December 18, 7 - 10 p.m., Bea Kalish's home. A holiday party with games, wine, and delights for everyone mature!