

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Children's Education Opportunities:

**The 2019 class for fourth and fifth graders, "Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up"**, will meet Sundays, January 6, 13, and 20 and February 3 and 10 at 11:00 a.m. Please note there is no class during the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in "Amazing Stuff" will meet at the same time in a different room. To register or for additional information contact Beca Torres-Davenport.

**Families@First invites families to celebrate the New Year with a potluck on Friday, January 25,** 5:30–8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Enjoy some time for fellowship, yummy food, and sharing your favorite New Year's Eve/Day traditions. More information about the event may be found on Facebook. RSVP, if possible, to [btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org). Families@First is a group for families with children of varying ages.

**If you have an interest in serving First Presbyterian Children and Families,** please contact Beca Torres-Davenport ([btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org) or 662-4466, ext. 342) to find out how! Volunteers are welcome in a variety of capacities — short term, long term, and anything in-between.

### T2A2 Opportunities:

**20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group** will resume next Sunday, January 6, at Chris Wahl's home. Together, we'll read and discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. The New Year is a great time to take up an intentional spiritual practice and deepen relationships with others. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! Contact Rev. Parks-Piatt for more information about the group.

**20s & 30s (T2A2) Wednesday Hangout** will resume January 9. T2A2 participants include grad students, university staff, and other young professionals. We have weekly hangouts on Wednesdays from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at various spots around town. Whether you've never been, haven't come in a while, or hang out every week, you're more than welcome to join us January 9! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

### Finance Information:

**Please support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church with your year-end gifts.** The IRS requires that books for 2018 be closed on December 31. Your mailed donation must be postmarked no later than December 31 for your contribution to be applied to your 2018 financial statement. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year. A new authorization form, available on our website and in the Finance Office, must be filled out annually. We encourage you to use our GivePlus app for your donations.

**Living God's Love — Stewardship Update:** As of December 27, 460 pledges totaling \$1,408,728 have been received. This represents 82.9% of our \$1,700,000 goal. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, First Pres still needs your help as we begin planning the 2019 budget. Thank you for Living God's Love through the ministries of First Pres!

**2019 contribution envelopes** for those who requested them are available outside the Finance Office.

**Please note that we have changed the company we use to accept stock contributions.** The new company is RW Baird. Visit our website or view the Stock Gift Form (for broker) for more information. Don't hesitate to call the Finance Office at 662-4466 if you have questions.

**Communion Food Collection is next Sunday.** As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need.

**Mature Singles** meet this Tuesday, January 1, at 1:00 p.m., at Marcy's home for a New Year's Open House. Call Marcy (995-2519) if you plan to attend. The group meets for dinner this Friday, January 4, at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**UKirk@UMich, Undergraduate Campus Ministry Opportunities** return January 13.

**Register Your Child in Triangle Preschool.** Triangle Cooperative Preschool (located in our church building) is now accepting applications for 3 and 4-year-olds for the 2019-2020 school year. Triangle Cooperative Preschool offers children a play-based curriculum that develops physical, cognitive, and social skills. First Presbyterian members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. There will be an Open House on Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.–noon, for prospective families to tour the school, meet the teachers and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. For an application or more information call 221-0905 or visit [www.trianglecoop.org](http://www.trianglecoop.org).

**Children's Choir will not meet next Sunday, January 6.** Regular rehearsals resume on Sunday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 300.