

✿ Mature Ministries ✿

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PURPOSE

The mission of Mature Ministries is to address the spiritual and social needs of the mature members of First Pres and the community. Mature Ministries includes pastoral support and care, education and learning opportunities, fellowship and social activities, and facilitates service, mentoring, and mission outlets.

2016-2017 PROGRAMS

SMALL GROUP! OCTOBER - MAY: WRITING WITH A SPIRITUAL PROMPT

Have you ever yearned to do some spiritual writing, but you can't seem to start, or to find time, or wonder if you should even try? Well, here's your "start!" It will begin, in the early months, with a group leader's spiritual writing "prompt," followed by a 45 minute period for the members to write a response/reflection, and then a final 45 minute period for sharing, discussing, and critiquing our written responses. The group, led by member Meg Brown, will have it's first meeting on Thursday, October 13. Starting in November, it will meet the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Sign up, please, with Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. Space is limited.

NOVEMBER HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, November 10, Noon, Social Hall

"Fighting Poverty & Enhancing Dignity in 2017 & Beyond"

H. Luke Schaefer, PhD is an Associate Professor at UM, School of Social Work, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and author of *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*.



NOVEMBER BONUS EVENT

Sunday, November 13, 5:00 p.m., Social Hall

"Let's Do Detroit" Dinner

Rev. Faith Fowler from Cass Community Social Services will discuss the Tiny House project, Cass Chef Matt Prentice will present a delicious fall meal, and The Ambassadors will entertain us with music. Join us November 17 for a field trip to Cass to check out the tiny houses!



DECEMBER HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, December 8, Noon, Social Hall

"The Aging Brain"

Thad A. Polk, Ph.D. is a UM Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Associate Chair, Psychology and an expert on aging brains.

OSHER CLASSES HELD AT FIRST PRES 2016-2017



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan was established to encourage adults to continue their learning long after formal schooling is done. The Institute's popular programs help mature adults to rediscover the piquancy of learning — the joy of discovery and feelings of accomplishment that are unencumbered by tests, grades, or drills.

To sign up for these classes, visit <http://olli-umich.org/>, or contact Don Deatrck, ddeatrck@live.com.

Ethics

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., November 1 - December 6, Lewis Room

Instructor: Ken Phifer Cost: \$35

Beginning with an introduction to ethics, we'll consider a different ethical



theme each week: virtues and sins, health care, politics, business and war. Each class will have short lectures, but the focus will be on interactive discussion. We'll talk about traditional ethical understandings and modern ethical dilemmas that challenge them. Ken Phifer is a retired minister, serving 25 years at First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor.

The "Wanderers": Russian Paintings in their Political & Religious Context

Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., November 7 - 21, Lewis Room

Instructor: Linda Speck Cost: \$20

The three-session course will present late 19th-century paintings by Repin and Surikov, in chronological order, including the background of each and opportunity for discussion. Linda Speck holds degrees in music (A.B., Duke University) and Musicology (M.A. and Ph.D., University of Michigan).



AUGUST 10 - GREAT LAKES MUSEUM AND RIVER CRUISE

How about celebrating summer with a day on the river? Our August outing begins on Belle Isle at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum where a one-hour tour will bring to life Detroit's rich pre-automobile maritime history. Enjoy fantastic views of the river and even step into the pilot's seat on a restored ship and imagine yourself steering through the Great Lakes.

Lunch at Detroit's historic Sinbad's Restaurant, also on the riverfront, will be followed by a leisurely two-hour sightseeing cruise on a Diamond Jack cruise boat. End your day in Detroit with your feet up on a deck chair enjoying being part of Michigan's great maritime story ... at least for a day. We will travel to Detroit by chartered bus (no cost to you.) Registration/Reservations to be announced at a later date.



SEPTEMBER 2017 - A TRIP TO STRATFORD

Details are in the works... Trip information, registration, and reservation details to be announced at a later date.



JANUARY 2017 HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, January 19 (a week later), Noon, Social Hall
"From U High to the Big House: A Life in Football"

Herb Deromedi, the winningest football coach in Mid-American Conference and Central Michigan University history, one of four new members on the NCAA College Football Playoff Selection Committee, will speak about his experiences on the playoff committee, and his calling as a Football Coach at CMU. *Note: This presentation is a week later than our normal schedule.*



FEBRUARY HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, February 9, Noon, Social Hall
"Sexuality in our Modern World"



Jim Toy, co-founder of the UM Spectrum Center, will be our guest and speaker. His topic? "Sexuality in our Modern World" - gender identity, gender expression, transgender, and other new terms. What does it all mean? Are we truly inclusive? How do we navigate this new terrain?

MARCH HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, March 9, Noon, Social Hall
"Hospitalist - What?"

Dr. Robert Chang, Director of UM's largest Hospital Medicine Service, will speak on "Hospitalist - What? - The Docs that Care for You when You are Admitted to the Hospital."



APRIL HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, April 13, Noon, Social Hall
"Growth and Change in Southeast Michigan"

Xuan Liu, SEMCOG in Detroit (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) Xuan is the Data Center Manager and makes the predictions and estimates for growth in this region with a team of people who know much! We'll also talk about transit and train plans for the region.

MAY HILLTOPPERS



Thursday, May 11, Noon, Social Hall
"The God-Pleasing Creative Life"

Dr. Lew Klatt, Professor of English Literature and Writing, Calvin College, and author of *Sunshine Wound*, *Christian Poetry*, and a new collection (prose and poems) called *The Wilderness After Which* will join us to talk about Christian poetry.

Bonus Event: Lew will stay in Ann Arbor for a book reading Thursday evening at BookBound on Plymouth Road. Bring friends!

MAY BONUS EVENT

Thursday, May 18, 11:45 a.m., Vance Room

“Home Care and Nursing Homes”

A Michigan Consumer Education presentation with Justine Bykowski.

JUNE HILLTOPPERS

Thursday, June 1, Noon, Social Hall

“The Future of Detroit after Bankruptcy”

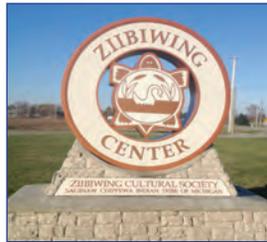
Dr. Reynolds “Ren” Farley, a Research Professor Emeritus, UM Population Studies Center, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and School of Sociology will speak about the racial and economic changes in Detroit after bankruptcy. Dr. Farley has conducted three surveys in metropolitan Detroit about the causes of racial residential segregation.

MATURE MINISTRIES IN MOTION 2016-17 FIELD TRIPS

OCTOBER 27 - ZIIBIWING CENTER AND SOARING EAGLE CASINO

Bring your spirit of adventure and join Mature Ministries on a visit to the Ziiibiwing Center, a museum of Saginaw-Chippewa Indian lifeways and culture located near Mt. Pleasant. Modern day tribal guides tell stories of Indian life and culture in their own words and from their own lived perspective. Be prepared to have your current understanding of North America’s first residents challenged! A one-hour walking tour of the collections will be followed by a short workshop where we will handle and learn about original tribal artifacts.

Lunch will follow at the Aurora Buffet in the Soaring Eagle Casino. First Pres will provide transportation and admission to the Ziiibiwing Center. Lunch on your own at the buffet will be either \$10.55 (soup/salad) or \$17.75 (full buffet). To reserve a spot on this outing, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers today.



NOVEMBER 17 - TOUR OF CASS COMMUNITY SERVICES IN DETROIT

First Pres does work projects at Cass Community Social Services each year, supporting their many amazing ministries to those who are hurting in Detroit. We will travel by chartered bus into Detroit at 9:00 a.m. to meet with Rev. Fowler, hear from her about her work with CASS, and take a tour of the facility from 10:00 a.m. - noon. Lunch will follow at the Eastern Market. There is no cost except for lunch (on your own). Registration/Reservations to be announced at a later date.



Did you know that this Detroit-based agency works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing, and jobs. CCSS prepares and serves 1 million meals annually. 325 homeless men, women and children currently stay in CCSS shelters, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing programs. CCSS operates a weekly free medical clinic and a day program for 100 adults with developmental disabilities. 70 adults are currently employed in the agency’s Green Industries which marry jobs with sustainability.

APRIL 20 - MUSEUM OF RACIST MEMORABILIA & FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

We are heading west ... to Ferris State University in Big Rapids, home of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia and its charismatic founder/curator, Dr. David Pilgrim. An extraordinary assemblage of hateful artifacts, the museum leverages hateful lessons from the past to teach tolerance and social justice in the modern world. Pilgrim will lead a small group of 25 through the exhibits and lead a conversation that is bound to transform participants.



Lunch with Jim Crow staff will follow at The Rock on the Ferris State campus. This will be a challenging day of great reward. We will travel together by chartered bus (no charge for transportation). Registration/reservations to be announced at a later date.

JUNE 8 - FREER HOUSE AND THE WHITNEY RESTAURANT

Did you know that one of the Smithsonian museums is named after a businessman from Detroit? Learn about the life of Charles Lang Freer during a one-hour tour of his home, rarely visited by the general public. Freer collected Japanese art for himself, but was a major patron of contemporary American artists of his time, including James McNeill Whistler. Freer was one of the founders of the Detroit Institute of Arts. This tour will lift the curtain on yet another little known chapter from Detroit’s rich history.

Follow your tour with a relaxing but elegant high tea service with 40 of your favorite First Pres friends at Detroit’s renowned Whitney Restaurant, another of Detroit’s Victorian gems. We will travel by chartered bus (no cost to you.) Registration/Reservations to be announced at a later date.

