



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor, Michigan

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## New Youth Minister!

by Paul Simpson Duke

After months of reviewing candidates for our new half time youth ministry position, the Youth Minister Search Committee has unanimously and enthusiastically chosen **Carey Gardiner Mack** to serve among us.

Carey is a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of Valparaiso University, where she majored in American Studies and received the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award. She received her Masters of Divinity degree from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Ordained in 2001 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she served Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor as Associate Pastor from 2001-2005. She received training in intentional interim ministry and served four congregations in that capacity. She has also worked with our own Bill Foster in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Joseph Hospital. Though she has not yet served in a specialized position for youth ministry, her experience with ministering to young people in the context of her other assignments has been substantial and effective. She has a real passion for working with youth.



The Youth Minister Search Committee consists of Anne Barron, Toni Burton, Bill Foster (chair), Sue Ellen Glover, and Janice Stumpf, with the pastors serving ex officio. Carey has not only met at length with the committee, but with appropriate representation from the Board of Trustees and the Personnel Committee. She has also had private meetings with the pastors and with Sue Ellen. Her references gave enthusiastic endorsements. Here are some comments from members of our search committee:

*"I could not be more pleased at our good fortune as a church to have her leading our youth ministry. Carey has the rare gifts for relational ministry and creative teaching that, combined with her knowledge of youth culture, makes her an exceptional choice for this important role."* - Bill Foster

*"I'm excited about expanding our youth program with Carey. She has some great creative ideas and has a way of getting through to people."* - Anne Barron

*"Carey has a fun sense of humor, a thoughtful, patient ear and a keen mind. The perfect balance to work with teenagers!"* - Toni Burton

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*"I found her to be engaging and enthusiastic and think the youth will as well."* - Janice Stumpf

*"I was impressed when Carey gave examples of how she might teach young people, including an emphasis on developing a personal and individual relationship with Christ. I think she will also be a lot of fun to work with!"* - Sue Ellen Glover

Since the search committee has fully approved her, and the leadership of the Trustees and Personnel Committee has made mutually satisfactory arrangements with her, her name now goes before the Executive Council for their ratification. She is scheduled to begin her employment on October 1. On this coming Sunday, September 28, she will be introduced to the youth and to their parents.

The desire to employ a youth minister was articulated in the discernment process which the church underwent in 2007. The position was approved by church vote early in 2008, and, through generous donations and pledges from church members, the position was funded for its first three years. We are very pleased to have filled the position at last, and delighted to have Carey Mack serving in this very important new role.



**NURSERY** care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

## **Children and Youth Christian Education**

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare or to Tiny Grace Notes. Children in Kindergarten - 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship. Church School begins after worship (about 11:00).

### Preschool or childcare in nursery

10:00 - 10:30 Worship  
10:30 - 10:45 Tiny Grace Notes  
10:50 - 11:00 Children's Worship  
11:00 - 12:00 Church School (in K-2nd grade class)  
12:00 - 12:30 Childcare in Room 202A & B

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

10:00 - 11:00 Worship  
11:00 - 11:50/12:00 Church School (Room 304)  
11:50 - 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102) or  
12:00 - 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

### K - 2nd grade

10:30 - 11:00 Children's Worship (Room 202A)  
11:00 - 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)  
12:00 - 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

### Youth (7<sup>th</sup> - High School)

10:00 - 11:00 Worship  
11:15 - 12:30 Church School (Room 107)  
11:50 - 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

*September 28 — Youth Worship for 4th grade through High School: Meet Brandy in the Youth Room immediately after worship or choir.*

## **Children's Music and Arts Ministry (Sunday Mornings)**

Jr. Handbells (Room 306).....9:15 - 9:45  
Grace Notes Choir (room 306)..12:00 - 12:30

Tiny Grace Notes (Room 306)...10:30 - 10:45  
Jr. Choir (Room 102).....11:50 - 12:30

## **Adult Christian Education 11:30—12:30 (Lounge)**

**CELTIC CHRISTIANITY** — What does it mean for us today? — In the days of early Christianity, in 644, at the Northumbrian Abby of Whitby, northern Christianity came to a crossroad. The Celtic tradition of Iona lost out to the see of Rome. Celtic Christianity was pushed into the background, into the Northern and Western provinces of Scotland, Wales, Ireland, but the Celtic mission, inspired by the Gospel of John, survived and remains an integral and important part of our heritage. Its focus is in seeing the image of God in all of creation, including the human who represents the image of God on earth. This spirituality lends itself to listening for God at the heart of life, experiencing communion with God in nature at the deepest levels. We express this emphasis in our worship service, in our hymns, in our prayers, without being keenly aware of it. William Sloane Coffin expressed it, when he said, "When you're grateful for the undeserved beauty of a cloudless sky, you're praying." We sing it in our hymn: And God will raise you up on Eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. Or: How beautiful are the feet of him who brings...peace...good tidings...salvation. (Isa 52:7, Rom 10:15). In this sequence, we will study how our Celtic heritage has inspired us in our awareness of God through prayer and by studying related OT and NT biblical passages.

— Astrid Beck, discussion leader

### **Other Adult Education Opportunities:**

**Wednesday Bible Study** (Memorial Lounge) What does it mean to "meditate" on the Scriptures? The first six weeks of the Wednesday Bible Study will be a group meditation on six passages from the Gospel of Luke. We will read the passages not only for information, but also to hear what the words of Scripture are saying to us in particular. With thoughtful reflection, imagination, faith, and open hearts, we will seek personal meaning in the words of Scripture. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship and study.

**Adult Small Groups (ChristCare):** Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.



## **FBCA2 News & Happenings**

**Second Annual Celebration of Care** Save the date - Sunday, October 12 at 12:30 - for our Annual Celebration of Care. Following another challenging Chili Cook-Off luncheon (corn chowder will also be available), we'll review the new programs that the Board of Care and Community has initiated in the last year and talk about new programs that this board and other groups have planned for the future. Think about how our church can become a better caring community and bring your suggestions. Chili chefs are needed - if you have a great recipe for chili which you would be willing to prepare, please let us know. Comm. members are Mary Gregg (761-3127), Barb Griffin (994-3499) and Cynthia Redinger (213-2543). This will be a great way to kick off our program year and celebrate how much we care for our fellow church members. New members and visitors are especially invited.

**Thanks to all who donated to our first annual Undie Sunday!** Six packages of wonderfully new (and white!) t-shirts, 15 packages of men's underwear, 2 packages of ladies underwear and 1 package of socks have been added to the Vespers clothing and will be given out as needed.

**The FBC Ladies Book Club** will meet at Mary Davis's house to discuss Elie Wiesel's "Night" on Wednesday, October 1st at 7 pm. Please contact Janice Stumpf at 663-4871 or [jlstumpf@umich.edu](mailto:jlstumpf@umich.edu) for further information.

**Thank you from ABW Ministries**

A huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped with the Fall Rummage Sale. Thank you to all who brought in their treasures, giving us the wide variety of items to sell. The success of the Rummage Sale will allow ABW Ministries to continue with our programs and projects.



**Cooks Needed for The Gathering** – Volunteers are needed to cook meals for our campus ministry program, The Gathering. This is a much-appreciated ministry of hospitality for students who are away from home and don't often get a home-cooked meal. Please sign up at the Information Counter and take an instruction sheet with you.

**2008 Christmas Celebration** – You may begin to bring in your finished craft projects anytime to the church office or to the information counter on Sunday mornings. Please be sure to have your name on the item and a suggested price, and give us an idea of the variety of items and any display needs. Presentation is important to help catch the eye of the buyers. Another part of the bazaar is the ever popular Gently Used Holiday Decorations. If you have holiday decorations which are no longer of use and would like to donate them, we will be very happy to take them off your hands. Again, you can bring them in anytime to either the information counter or to the church office. This is not to be confused with the Rummage Sale in September. Remember that the money raised will stay with the ABW Ministries to support our many projects. – Beverly Inbody (904-5750)



**Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk 2008 is scheduled for October 12**

First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor; registration from 1:15 pm

CROP is "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty." I spoke with a staff member today, and I hope you will be able to join the 2008 CROP Hunger Walk. This is organized by Church World Service and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, with volunteers from local congregations.

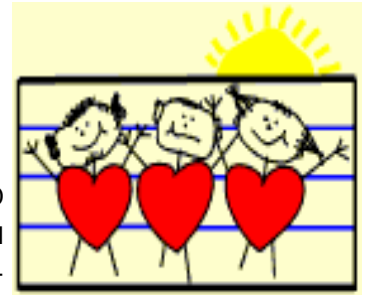
CROP walkers will join over 40 local congregations in walking 2km or 10km. Many small gifts from sponsors in your church will make a big difference. Last year we raised \$72,200, and we hope to do even better in 2008. Northfield Human Services Food Pantry will receive canned goods donated at the Walk. All the local agencies report a dire need for emergency food assistance, and they rely on the CROP Walk for help.



## *A Thank you note from the Ann Arbor Co-op Nursery*

Dear First Baptist Members,

The dumpster is gone, the dust is settling and the last of the touch up painting is being completed around your Church. I want to thank you for allowing the Ann Arbor Co-op Nursery School to move into the former Chapman Room.



Thank you for your warm reception and positive comments about the changes we have made around your building. Many church members have made the climb to the third floor to take a look at our school and I invite you all to come by and take a look. We look forward to a long and friendly relationship.

Warm Regards,  
Lynn Archer and the Ann Arbor Co-op Nursery

Here are a few pictures from the first week of school...



**Be Surprised by God's People...making a difference!**

Have you ever thought, "The needs of people are so enormous; how can we possibly make a difference?" It's a common frustration and the early church shared it also in their day. The powerful news is the early church overcame this frustration the same way we can. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to heal people's hurts and show God's love one person at a time.



Jesus knows their pain and loves them. Christ wants us to increasingly make a difference in people's lives and in the world by reaching them at their point of need. Last year's offering has allowed us to appoint three new missionaries. We hope to appoint at least seven as we did in 2007. When we invest in the work of missionaries we meet an incredible range of human needs while effectively sharing the good news of Jesus.

We support more than 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries annually in 76 countries around the world helping to meet human needs. This year International Ministries asks us to look at global mission this way:

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give, be surprised by what God can do, and be transformed by God's grace! WMO is normally received in the month of October. We hope you'll give sacrificially. Debbie Hart welcomes your questions at 800.632.2953 ext. 221 or [dhart@abc-mi.org](mailto:dhart@abc-mi.org).

**Be Surprised by God's People:  
Receive. Give. Be transformed!**

**They were all amazed and glorified  
God, saying,  
'We have never seen anything like  
this!'**

**International Ministries helps Caribbean after Hurricanes**

American Baptist International Ministries has provided almost \$15,000 in emergency grants to our Caribbean partners, as they help victims of recent hurricanes. In Jamaica, the partner has received a \$3,000 grant. In the Dominican Republic, \$3,500 has been released. Haiti has received a \$5,000 grant. At least another \$3,000 in emergency aid is planned for the region. These initial emergency grants were made after these Caribbean nations weathered Hurricane Gustav, which struck the Caribbean beginning Aug. 26 and Hurricane Hanna, which took a surprising turn to hit Haiti and then Cuba beginning Sept. 1, and most recently Hurricane Ike, which hit the Caribbean over the weekend.

The grants will allow our partners to provide immediate emergency aid, such as food and clean water. The funds were provided by One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering raised each year by American Baptists.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:30 Bible Study 5:30 The Gathering	2 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	3	4
5 Communion 7:00 pm Celebrating Kalamazoo College History	6	7 5:30 Vespers 7:00 Board of Worship	8 1:30 Bible Study 5:30 The Gathering 7:30 Davis/Diels ChristCare	9 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	10	11
12 12:30 pm 2nd Annual Celebration of Care Lunch	13 5:30 Board of Christian Education	14 5:30 Vespers	15 1:30 Bible Study 5:30 The Gathering	16 1:00 MacGregor-Stitt Circle 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	17	18
19	20	21 1:00 Beecher/Brewer Circle 5:30 Vespers 7:00 Board of Trustees	22 1:30 Bible Study 5:30 The Gathering 7:30 Davis/Diels ChristCare	23 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	24	25
26 12:30 Shower	27	28 5:30 Vespers 7:30 Executive Council	29 1:30 Bible Study 5:30 The Gathering	30 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir	31 	

## Happy Birthday!

Rob Snyder	1	Marian Carter	9	Scott Diels	22
Tom Glover	5	Deb Snyder	15	Carol Van Dyke	24
Cynthia Redinger	6	Bret Rushton	16	Hannah Foster	24
John Floyd III	7	Tian Tian Dai	16	Wanda Finn	26
Julien Heidt	7	Virginia Lau	19	Carolyn Hillebrand	30
Graham Miles	8				

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**Celebrating Kalamazoo College History** On Sunday, October 5th, alumni and friends of Kalamazoo College are invited to a presentation on the College's history, from its beginnings as a frontier academy, to its brief role as a Branch of the University of Michigan, to its growth and change through 175 years to become a nationally recognized liberal arts college. Marlene Crandell Francis will be discussing and showing pictures from her recently completed comprehensive history, A Fellowship in Learning: Kalamazoo College 1833-2008. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. followed by discussion and dessert reception.