



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

August 17, 2011

Church Picnic Despite the heat and humidity, almost fifty FBCers of ALL ages had a great time with food, water balloons, a piñata and a wicked game of kickball. Thank you to the Board of Christian Education, especially Graham Miles (for transporting tables and chairs) and Picnic Master, Jeanette Halliday (along with her crew - Geoff, Max and Sam)!

Back-to-School Supplies Collection

A reminder that the filled backpacks are due this Sunday, August 21. But we are still collecting miscellaneous school supplies for all ages to deliver to Hikone as well as WISD's program for homeless children. Especially needed are thumb drives for the older youth who do not have computers at home and need to do homework on school, library or community center computers. Thank you for your generosity!



VBS Picnic with Hikone Families

On Friday, August 26 we will take our VBS to Rose Park (off of Packard, across from Buhr Park) for a fun picnic with the children and their families at Hikone, 6:00 - 7:30pm. All of you are invited! It'll be a fun time - lots of food, fun, energetic music led by Stacey, and a couple of games and crafts. Please sign up at the Information Counter. If you are coming to the picnic, please park in the church of the Nazarene parking lot. It is the driveway just east of Hikone Rd. There are usually no visitor spots available in the Hikone parking lot. Also if you are able please bring lawn chairs and/or a picnic blanket.

We also need lots of volunteers! We'll need help transporting and setting up tables and chairs as well as with hospitality and clean up. If you are able to help with any of that, please sign up on the volunteer sheet attached to the Picnic sign up, or by contacting Sue Ellen.

VBS 2011 Caring and Sharing August 24, 25 5:30 - 8:00

Registration and volunteer forms for our VBS are available at the table near the Information Counter or by contacting Sue Ellen. Each child (age 3 - 8th grade), including visitors, needs to have a completed form, and we are asking that these be turned in as soon as possible, though we will accept registrations at the door.

Sanctuary Construction on the Chancel is slated to start on Monday, Aug 22nd. See the last edition of the church newsletter for a drawing of how it will look at the end of the project. The work is expected to take a week to ten days, and will be ready as we gear up for a busy September!



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.

Children and Youth Christian Education

NURSERY care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 - 12:30.

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. Children K-3rd are invited to Children's Worship in 202 A&B until 11:15.

Preschool (2 ½ years - age 4):

10:30 - 11:20 Church School (Rm. 305)
11:20 - 12:30 Childcare in the nursery

3rd - 6th Grade:

10:00 - 11:00 Worship
11:15 - 12:30 Church School (Room 202B)

K - 2nd grade:

10:30 - 11:00 Worship
11:15 - 12:30 Church School (Rm. 202B)

Youth (7th - High School)

10:00 - 11:00 Worship
11:15 - 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

Children's Music and Arts Ministry will resume in the fall.

Adult Christian Education 11:30 - 12:30

August 21 and 28 - Sermon Discussion with Paul Simpson Duke
Join us for a discussion of the morning's scriptures and sermon.

Lounge

Other Adult Education Opportunities:

Wednesday Bible Study will resume in September

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.

College/University Students: **The Gathering** is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather every Wednesday night (starting Sept 7th) at 5:30pm in the Campus Center for a free home-cooked meal, friendship, and study. This year our topic is "Images for the Struggles and the Joy: Help from the Psalms," led by Paul Simpson Duke. In addition to Wednesday night gatherings, we also get together for films, service projects, and social events. If you would like to be added to our email list for announcements, please see Stacey Simpson Duke.

Volunteers needed for Fellowship Time

Fellowship Time is a vital part of our Sunday morning! Not only do we catch up with our FBC family, we can also meet and greet newcomers and help them feel welcome here. But we need volunteers to setup before the service and to clean up afterwards. It doesn't have to be elaborate and time consuming, but it needs to be done. If you can help, please sign up at the Information Counter.



37th Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Walk Crop Walk 2011 will be on Sunday, October 2. Time: Registration 1pm; Walk 2pm. Location: Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor (423 South 4th Ave.) A post-walk meal will be served back at Bethlehem. Please plan to join us to celebrate your success!

September Benefit Concert -- The Interfaith Round Table Saturday, September 24, 2011

"Body and Soul: An Interfaith Experience of Music and Sacred Texts in Action" will be reflections of word, image and sound that explore the theme of body and soul. The concert will feature the Canterbury House Jazz band *Quartex*, and is presented by Stephen Rush and Reid Hamilton, authors of *Better Get It In Your Soul: What Liturgists Can Learn from Jazz*.

Time: 7 pm pre-concert Indian hors d'oeuvres; 7:30 concert followed by dessert

Place: Chinmaya Mission, 4760 Packard Rd, Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$25 and \$50 (a \$25 charitable donation receipt with \$50 tickets)

The evening will feature a diversity of musical forms, including improvised music, sacred music of multiple traditions, folk rock, jazz, blues, African, South American and other World music, bringing to life themes of body and soul found in sacred texts, meditations, reflections, newspaper articles, journals, icons and literature from across a world spectrum of faith. Expect the unexpected! For more information or for tickets, call 734-424-1535 (George Lambrides) OR e-mail sbking@umich.edu (Susan King), Co-Directors, or go to www.irtwc.org.

September Eleven Day of Service and Community Commemoration: To help heal the brokenness from the attacks on 9/11 and their aftermath, you are invited to a day of service on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Projects include service for veterans, ecological restoration, and support for Iraqi refugees. 2-5pm (sign-in beginning at 1:45). Details and online registration available at www.icpj.net/september11. Concluding the day of service, there will be a family-friendly community commemoration ceremony beginning at 5:30pm at Gallup Park (south of the river near the east end of Gallup Park Road, follow the signs). Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner for a community picnic following the ceremony. Sponsored by the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. Question? Call 734-663-1870 or 734-424-1535, email info@icpj.net or gbrides@umich.edu, or visit www.icpj.net/september11 for details.

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If you aren't already a fan of FBCA2 on Facebook, come on over and "Like" our page: [facebook.com/fbca2](https://www.facebook.com/fbca2). We post regular updates there about what's going on around here, along with the occasional devotional thought. You can post on our wall as well. If you are already a fan, did you know that you can easily share certain FBCA2 posts with your own Facebook friends? Events and links that can be shared will have a "Share" button (in addition to the usual "Like" and "Comment" buttons). Click "share" and the event or link will show up on your own Facebook page for all your friends to see. It's a great way to get the word out about special happenings at our church.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 10:00 Worship	5 * Labor Day * Church Office & Buildings Closed	6 5:30 Vespers - FBC team	7 * newsletter* 5:30 The Gathering 7:30 Executive Council	8	9	10
11 CE Sunday 10:00 Worship 11:00 Ice Cream Social	12 7:30 Mission Action	13 5:30 Vespers -	14 5:30 The Gathering 7:30 Davis-Diels ChristCare	15 12:00 MacGregor- Stitt Circle	16	17
18 <i>AB Women's Ministries Sunday</i> 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour	19	20 12:00 Beecher- Brewer Circle 5:30 Vespers 7:00 Trustees	21 *newsletter* 5:30 The Gathering	22	23	24
25 130th Anniversary Rededication 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour Block Party	26	27 9:30 ABWM Board 5:30 Vespers -	28 5:30 The Gathering 7:30 Davis-Diels ChristCare	29	30	

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Next
newsletter
deadline:

Sunday, September 4

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 25, will be a special day at First Baptist! In the morning, we will celebrate 130 years of being in this location with a rededication of our building (initially dedicated on September 29, 1881). We want this to be a festive and meaningful event, with as many members present as possible - so please plan on being there! That afternoon, we will extend our celebration of being in this place by hosting, with our Methodist neighbors, a Block Party for our neighborhood. We will invite the many residents of our block (from 411 Lofts, North Quad, and Sloan Plaza), along with merchants and shoppers from the State Street area near us, to join us for an afternoon of free food, live music, and other entertainment in our parking lot (which we will cordon off for the event). Please plan on coming! (2:00pm-5:00pm) It's important that we have many friendly First Baptist folks to welcome folks to the party. If you would like to help out in any additional way (set-up, clean-up, or other logistical details), please let Stacey know. Regardless, please save **Sunday, September 25**, as a day to celebrate our purpose in this place!