



# FIRST BAPTIST

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## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

Pastor's Reflections by Stacey Simpson Duke October 26, 2016

"I have a team here ... and that's a gift our church has given me." These were words Jeanette Halliday shared in the worship service this past Sunday.

Jeanette spoke eloquently about what that gift has meant to her and her family. She was a teenager when she found her way to First Baptist, and what she found here laid the groundwork for her ongoing faith journey. She said, "This church was a peaceful place for me. I could pause my teenage drama and just refresh. I found I could contribute, which was new to me, because I wasn't a super-involved person. But I developed habits of service because of this church." These are two of the most important things people are searching for - peace and a purpose.

Jeanette found those things here because she also found one more thing here - people who were actively engaged in both faith and service. It was not one particular person, or one specific thing that was preached or taught, it was the example of the whole church community, generations coming together to seek God and to serve others. "Growing up here," Jeanette said, "watching the adults contribute and give with open hearts and minds here was powerful. But being a mom here, and watching my kids contribute with open hearts and minds has been incredible."

It's a beautiful thing, to consider the legacy of faith and service in our church. The witness of previous generations continues to make an impact today; what we are doing as a church today likewise has the power to shape the lives of younger generations for decades to come. And of course, the legacy doesn't only work in one direction - the youth and children in this church continue to lead and inspire the rest of us with their own faith and acts of service.

This fall, Marissa Alaniz and Bob Kidd have asked us to think about our giving through the lens of "Generations of Generosity." As an intergenerational community, constantly renewed and renewing, we are always passing forward the great gifts we've received: gifts of peace and purpose; the gift of people who care about us and who support our faith; the gifts of God's power, God's presence, and God's promises. The passing forward of these gifts depends on the generosity of each one of us.

As you know, this Sunday our fall stewardship campaign wraps up with a very special event. Singer-songwriter Ken Medema, whose music focuses on the Christian life lived together, will help lead our worship. Ken is known for his live improvisations, created on the spot to give further expression to the spoken words of worship (such as the sermon). After worship and a brief break for fellowship time (with cake!), we will return to the sanctuary for an intergenerational time of sharing thoughts and stories about our church; Ken will then turn our stories into song, a musical rendering of our combined contributions. The church itself depends on such sharing of gifts, and your giving is a vital part of that. You are a part of what makes this church the beautiful community it is; please come celebrate with us this Sunday!

## Children and Youth Christian Education

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

**October 30** - no second hour classes for children, youth, or adults due to the Ken Medema event. All ages are invited to this performance. The nursery will stay open until 12:30 if parents would like to leave toddlers but parents should gather preschoolers and older children from the classrooms after worship to take them to the event in the sanctuary.

**Resuming November 6:**

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Preschool - 1<sup>st</sup> grade

10:00 - 10:30	Worship with families
10:30 - 11:30	Church School (Rm. 202A & B)
11:30 - 11:45	Grace Notes
11:45 - 12:30	Activities

#### Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - High School)

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

#### 2nd - 5th grade:

10:00 - 10:30	Worship with families
10:30 - 11:00	Children's Worship (Rm. 201B)
11:15 - 12:30	Church School (Rm. 202A & B) and Children's Choir (Rm. 306)

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Grace Notes (Preschool - 1st Grade)	11:30 - 11:45	Rm. 202
Children's Choir (2nd - 5th Grade)	11:30 - 12:00	Rm. 306

## Adult Christian Education

**(11:30-12:30)**

### Scripture Reflections

Mary Davis, Paul Duke, Ron Gregg, Kent Jennings, and Joe Mortensen, Leaders

Memorial Lounge

Each Sunday we'll discuss the day's sermon then look at the lectionary scriptures for the *upcoming* Sunday, exploring the background and context for each of the 3 scriptures that will be used in the worship service. We will share what meanings these scriptures might have for each of us so that we may reflect on these scriptures throughout the week, preparing ourselves for a more meaningful worship

### Young Adult Class

Room 108

Knowing God with Heart and Mind - Discussions based on selections from the writings of ancient and modern Christians.

### Other Adult Education Opportunities:

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Pastor Paul is leading *Studies in the Prophets*. We will discuss the work of the prophets in their historical context and will examine selected texts for closer understanding. Please join us!

**Adult Small Groups:** We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey, Paul, or Sue Ellen for information on how to join an existing group or form a new group.

**College/University Students:** The **Gathering** is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather every Wednesday during the school year, 5:30-7:30p in the Campus Center, for a free, home-cooked meal and study. If you would like to be added to the email list for regular updates, please email Stacey at [staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com).

# FBC News & Happenings

## Sheets for Bandages

The AB Women's ministries would like donations of old white, light-colored, or soft print cotton sheets to use as bandages for White Cross. They will be rolled in 3"x10' strips and sent to the Congo. This is an annual White Cross project. The sheets can be brought to the Information Counter on Sunday mornings or to the church office during the week. Call Bev Inbody (734-904-5750 or in the office 734-663-9376) if you have any questions.

## Director of Children's Ministries

The First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor seeks an enthusiastic and creative individual for a part-time Director of Children's Ministries position. This 15- to 20-hour position will oversee many facets of Christian education and focus on children from infancy through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Responsibilities:

- leading and nurturing children toward Christian faith and discipleship by providing opportunities to study, worship, serve, build community, and grow spiritually;
- developing and implementing sound and innovative educational programs that foster spiritual development and promote Bible fluency;
- teaching children on Sunday mornings and at other times as scheduled;
- training and scheduling teachers and nursery caregivers;
- coordinating children's events and selected outreach programs;
- developing a strong relationship and communicating with families with children both within the congregation and in the wider community.
- working with the Board of Christian Education and Church staff.

### Qualifications:

A Bachelor's degree in a related field and teaching experience are required. The successful candidate will possess strong oral and written communication skills and be a self-motivated leader able to work well with a variety of groups, including children and their families, volunteers, and church staff. A healthy personal spiritual life and a theology consistent with the pastoral ministries of First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor and supportive of American Baptist Churches USA tradition are essential.

Anticipated hours are 15-20 hours weekly, including Sunday mornings. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Candidates should submit a letter that describes their interest in this position in Children's Ministries as well as a resume of relevant experience to Janice Stumpf at [jstumpf@umich.edu](mailto:jstumpf@umich.edu). Questions may also be directed to Janice by email or to Rev. Stacey Simpson Duke at (734) 663-9376 or [staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com).

Approved by Board of Christian Education, August 2016

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## AB Women's Ministries' Annual Christmas Celebration

Our annual Christmas Celebration will be Sunday, December 11 in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. The AB Women's ministries will once again offer a bake sale, holiday craft/boutique sale, as well as tables of gently-used holiday decorations. The ladies are asking for any holiday decorations you are no longer using and if you have a special baked item you might like to donate to the bake sale. This is the last fundraiser for the year and will help to support the women's various church projects. More information to come in regards to details, however, holiday items can be brought to the church office during the week or the Information Counter on Sunday mornings. If there are questions, please call Bev Inbody at 734-904-5750 or in the church office at 734-663-9376.

## AB Women's Ministries Joint Meeting of Circles

The MacGregor-Stitt Circle and Beecher-Brewer Circles next meet on Thursday, November 17th, at 1:00pm in the Lounge. The MacGregor-Stitt ladies are hostesses and the Beecher-Brewer ladies coordinate the program, *Rolling Bandages for the White Cross*.

# Coming this Sunday, Oct 30

## Ken Medema



This Sunday our church is privileged to host Ken Medema as guest musician and worship leader. Ken, who is blind, is a gifted singer and songwriter. Over the last four decades his music has inspired hundreds of thousands in churches, schools, conferences, and concert venues across the United States, Canada, and Europe. He is an exceptionally engaging performer - personable, creative, and sometimes hilarious - with a particular gift for improvising songs in response to someone else's spoken words.

Ken will play and sing at several points throughout the morning worship service. After the service, following our usual fellowship time, we will return to the sanctuary, where he will lead us in a time of celebrating what it means to be the church together. He will ask people to share stories from their own experience of the church, and will turn our stories into new song. Expect laughter, warmth, amazement, and inspiration.

This will be a perfect occasion for inviting friends to join you. Please do so, and please be present this Sunday for an unforgettable experience of worship and celebration.

## FBC Stewardship Campaign 2017: Generations of Generosity



For the past few weeks, we have been exploring the theme ***Generations of Generosity*** for FBC's 2017 financial stewardship campaign. If you are fortunate enough to have been in church the last three Sundays, you have heard from church members representing several generations about why they support our church with generosity of all sorts. We have considered the ways in which opportunities for Christian service and spiritual growth impact people from all walks of life. We have considered the importance of ***Generations of Generosity*** in our church.

This fall has been an exciting time in our church community. This Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be visited by world-famous church musician and worship leader Ken Medema. Between worship service and second hour, we will briefly adjourn to the Fellowship Hall to share a cake and to celebrate the completion of the main portion of this year's financial stewardship campaign. Events such as the Brueggemann and Medema visits, as well as mission trips for youth and young adults and numerous other activities, make our church a special and vibrant community of believers. But, of course, activities such as these require many kinds of resources: creativity, leadership, commitment, and, yes, financial support.

### Considering Your 2017 Pledge

If you pledged to support our church financially in 2016, we thank you for your ongoing support. If you have not pledged, we ask you to please consider pledging for 2017. When you pledge any amount, the value of your gift to our church is increased. When church leaders have an accurate projection of income for next year, necessary and aspirational spending can be planned with confidence. The table at the right shows a summary of proposed program expenses for 2017 along with the revenue necessary to balance the budget. Proposed expenses reflect the priorities of individual ministry areas and include modest salary increases for church staff. An increase in total pledging of approximately 5% is necessary to realize the program vision for 2017.

<b>2017 Proposed Income</b>	
Pledgers	\$434,955
Other contributions	\$21,415
From endowments/transfers	\$88,000
Rent/parking	\$13,000
<b>Total Proposed Income</b>	<b>\$557,370</b>
<b>2017 Proposed Expenses</b>	
Worship	\$164,947
Care & Community	\$62,679
Christian Education & Spiritual Formation	\$138,147
Missions	\$119,899
Outreach	\$71,699
<b>Total Proposed Expenses</b>	<b>\$557,370</b>

We encourage you to send or bring your pledge card to church by this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, when the formal portion of our ***Generations of Generosity*** campaign will end. Please visit the bulletin board beside the information counter to register your pledge and to track the progress of the campaign through our Growing Tree. When you pledge your support of our church for 2017, you may write your name on a leaf and add it to the tree. As our campaign concludes, we hope that you will continue to listen, pray, and consider what ***Generations of Generosity*** and our church mean in your life.

- Marissa Alaniz and Bob Kidd, Co-Chairs, 2017 FBC Stewardship Campaign



### **American Baptist Churches Issues Joint Appeal for Hurricane Matthew Relief Funds**

American Baptist Churches announces a joint appeal for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds to aid in Hurricane Matthew response both in the United States and in Haiti, Cuba and the Caribbean.

As Hurricane Matthew has revealed its deep destruction and impact in these areas, the need for additional funding is great. **American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)** and **American Baptist International Ministries (IM)** are working cooperatively in response to the impact of Hurricane Matthew. Additional relief is urgently needed. Gifts to support Hurricane Matthew response, both domestic and international, should be designated to "OGHS-Hurricane Matthew." Funds sent through churches or normal giving channels will be split equally between domestic and international needs. You may give through your church; [click here to make an online contribution](#) by credit card; or mail a check to ABCUSA Accounting, Attn: OGHS-Hurricane Matthew, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

All funds received will be processed as "OGHS-Hurricane Matthew" and will be channeled by the World Relief Office into efforts led by ABHMS, domestically, and IM, internationally, to best serve the needs of impacted areas.

Initial grants totaling \$25,000 in OGHS emergency relief funds have been sent to IM partners in Haiti, Cuba and the Caribbean. These funds are providing food, clothing and temporary shelter for the victims. ABHMS has distributed \$5,000 in OGHS funding to Church World Service's (CWS) Hurricane Matthew disaster-relief efforts in the United States. ABHMS will report from American Baptist Churches of the South about specific needs of American Baptist churches and individuals affected by Hurricane Matthew when those have been identified.

Hurricane Matthew's considerable impact calls for an expanded American Baptist response that addresses the needs, many still to be identified, by working throughout Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina—designated federal disaster areas—with ABHMS partners as well as within Haiti and Cuba by working with IM partners. By June 1, 2017, IM and ABHMS will determine if there are funds remaining for which either IM or ABHMS has not identified a need or made a commitment. At that time, those funds may be shared with the other organization for continued response activities.

OGHS is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The Committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.

### **Clocks "fall back" one hour early in the morning on November 6th!**

A quick reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends and Eastern Standard Time begins on Sunday, November 6th. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Get to church on time!



**The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County** presents "TASTES OF FAITH - Food That Celebrates Gratitude and Joy" at 5pm on Sunday, November 20. The meal will consist of food used in religious celebrations of six separate faith traditions (Baha'i, Jewish, Muslim, Lutheran and Roman Catholic). This year's fundraising dinner will precede our 22nd Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration which starts at 7 pm (all invited to attend both events). The Chinmaya Mission (4760 Packard, Ann Arbor) Dinner Tickets: \$25 (meal only) (\$10 - children 10 and under), \$50, \$75, \$100 (dinner plus a donation to the IRT). For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email [gbrides@umich.edu](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu). Come support the work of the IRT that focuses exclusively on creating a culture of understanding and inclusion.

First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor  
**Coffee Break Concert Series, 2016-2017** ②  
Free Concert and Open to the Public

# ORGAN CONCERT



November 3, 2016  
Thursday at 12:15 pm

**So-Yi Ahn**

Visiting Organist from South Korea



Program: Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582 by J.S. Bach / Herzlich tut mich erfreuen,  
Op.122, No.4 by Johannes Brahms / Chorale in E Major by César Franck

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# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:30 Bible Study	3 12:15 Coffee Break Concert  7:30 Choir	4	5
6 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour  6:00 Race Discussion	7  5:30 Mission Action	8  1:30 ChristCare  5:30 Vespers	9 *newsletter*  1:30 Bible Study  5:30 Gathering 7:30 ChristCare	10  7:30 Choir	11	12
13 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour  6:00 Race Discussion	14	15  5:30 Vespers	16  1:30 Bible Study  5:30 Gathering	17	18	19
20 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour 12:30 Outreach	21	22  5:30 Vespers	23	24  <i>Thanksgiving - Church Buildings &amp; Office closed</i>	25  <i>Church Buildings &amp; office closed</i>	26
27 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour	28	29  5:30 Vespers	30 *newsletter*  1:30 Bible Study  5:30 Gathering			



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Next  
Newsletter  
Deadline:  
*Sunday, November 6*



## Kids helping Kids: UNICEF

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for all the money you helped us raise. We received \$156.20 for UNICEF to use for children in need. We couldn't have done it without you!

- Alexandra, Genevieve, and Caterina