

Dear FBCA2 Family,

Thank you so much for supporting my journey to volunteer in fundraising at AMOS for a year. I am blessed to be a part of a church family that so deeply values service and community.

This past Sunday I had the honor of preaching a shared sermon with Stacey, looking back on my past mission experiences with FBCA2, and looking forward towards my upcoming journey to serve with AMOS in Nicaragua. If you missed it, please consider listening to it or reading it here: <https://www.fbca2.org/service/september-16-2018-what-a-small-flame-can-do/>. For more information on my journey, visit: <https://mailchi.mp/07a167a59e15/marissainnica>.

I am 88% of the way towards my fundraising goal for my living expenses while I'm in Nicaragua. If you would like to support me financially and haven't yet done so, you can write a check to First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor with "Marissa Nicaragua Fund" in the memo line. Or, give online at [www.fbca2.org/give](http://www.fbca2.org/give) and type in "Marissa Nicaragua Fund" in the Comment/Notes section.

For updates on my journey, please follow me on Instagram at @marissainnica. If you don't have Instagram, you can bookmark this link: [www.instagram.com/marissainnica](http://www.instagram.com/marissainnica) and view my posts from your computer.

I wouldn't be willing and able to make this commitment without the encouragement and support from so many of you. Thank you for "walking together" with me! I am so grateful!

Love, Marissa



## **Children's Christian Education**



### **Acolyte Training**

On Sunday, September 30th at 11:30 am we will have an acolyte training for new acolytes and current acolytes. 3rd graders will be trained to serve as collectors of prayer concern cards and 4th-12th graders will be trained as acolytes. We are grateful for our robust group of kids and teens who participate in these worship ministry tasks.

### **Our Sunday morning schedule:**

Children are an integral part of our worshiping church family; children of all ages are welcome in worship. Staff and volunteers transition the kids during the morning. Our goal is to make it easy for parents to participate in "Second Hour," our adult class offerings.

### **Infant - 3-year-olds: room 307 on the 3rd floor**

10:00 Worship with family, nursery available

10:30 Families may choose to have kids go to the nursery following Time as Children for a time of praying and storytelling in the nursery. Snack will be provided.

11:30 Children and nursery staff go to another play space (room 202 B) for Friendship Time.

12:30 Parents come to pick up kids in room 202B (Children's Ministry wing) after 2nd hour adult classes.

### **4-year-olds - 2nd grade: room 202A**

10:30 Godly Play Church School (room 202A)

11:30 Snack (room 202B)

11:45 Friendship Time staffed by Kate Gregg and volunteer (room 202B)

12:30 Parents pick up kids after 2nd hour adult classes. (room 202B)

### **3rd - 5th Grade: Room 201B**

10:30 Church School

11:30 Snack and Friendship Time

12:00 Children's Choir with Shin-Ae Chun (music room)

12:30 Parents pick up kids after 2nd hour adult classes.

## **Adult Christian Education**

Our Sunday morning Christian Education program this fall (Sept 16-Nov 25) is a new series: "For All the Saints." During these eleven Sundays, members of our church family are offering presentations on some of the people whose lives have been inspirations and models for them. We began the series this past Sunday with a wonderful presentation by Marlene Francis on some of the saints from the history of First Baptist Church. From here on, some of our presenters will speak about great figures from Christian history, while others will tell us about people they have known whose impact on them was transforming. This is a great opportunity not only to learn about some remarkably inspiring and influential people, but also to become better acquainted with many in our own church family as they speak of the people and events that have helped give shape to their own lives and faith. This class is for all adults. Please join us for as many Sundays as you can.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** meets at 1:30pm in the Lounge. Paul Simpson Duke is leading a study of the Gospel of John.

**Small Groups:** We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey or Paul 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. Starting up again this Wednesday, September 5, we gather every Wednesday evening during the school year, 5:00p-7:00pm, in the Campus Center, for a free, home-cooked meal, friendship, and spiritual growth. If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.



**Opportunities for Kids to serve:** We are committed to providing opportunities for the kids of FBC to make a difference in our local community and the world at large. Our next opportunity is the **CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 30**. You can choose to do the 5 mile or the 1 mile walk. Our Youth Group will be walking the 1 mile route together. We hope to have kids join too as this is a great, concrete way for children to make a difference. You can find more information at

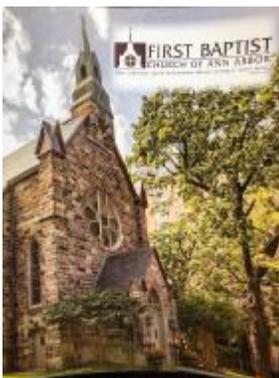
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/annarbormi/> including the scoop about how to raise funds to end hunger. Connect with Xan if you would like to get a donation collection envelope. You can also

use this link <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/annarbormi/Team/View/86357/FBCA2-Youth> to raise funds. The short send-off service begins at 2:00 pm at St. Clare's/Temple Beth Emeth (2309 Packard). If you're there by 1:40 you'll have time to register beforehand. Let Xan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) know if you plan to attend; she'll keep an eye out for you.

## *FBC News & Happenings*

### **Prayer Book**

On Sunday, Pastor Stacey presented Marissa with a little prayer book she put together based on the 4-week psalm cycle that is prayed by Christians around the world. Let Stacey know if you would like a copy, so that you can pray alongside Marissa, Stacey, and Christians everywhere.



### **Get your Church Family Photo Album this Sunday!**

We'll have both the church family photo album and the contact directories available for you starting this Sunday. Stop by the table in the hallway on your way into or out of worship to get yours; please make sure to indicate that you have picked it up. The contact directories were printed in April so if you got one in the spring, you're all set. If your information isn't in our current contact directory, please let us know so we can update our records. We update and print the contact directory in April each year.

**The MacGregor-Stitt Circle** starts up it's new program year on Thursday, September 20, at 12:30pm. The ladies will meet at the home of Roberta Hause for a Subway Lunch followed by "One Summer Memory."

### **AB Women's Ministries Christmas Celebration**

A friendly reminder that the AB Women's Ministries will be holding their annual Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 9, in the fellowship hall after worship. We welcome contributions of any gently-used holiday items to bring cheer to the festive season, such as ornaments, holiday books for both children and adults, candles, candle holders, etc. More information will be coming concerning the Bazaar and Bake Sale areas. The Christmas Celebration is a major fund raiser for the AB Women's Ministries' many programs, both inside and outside of our church.

### **Join the Sunday Morning Welcoming Team!**

No meetings - just come and serve! Our Welcoming Team is one of our most important ministries. On Sunday mornings, volunteers stand in key places in the building to show hospitality to all who come for worship. Sign up online - Sign-up is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44afa928ab9-sunday> - it's fast and easy! Sign up on your own, with a friend, with a spouse, or with your whole family. Sign up once or multiple times. Serving on our Welcoming Team is a great way to plug in to ministry at First Baptist and get to know others in our community. Questions? Contact Sam Laidlaw at [laidlawsam7@gmail.com](mailto:laidlawsam7@gmail.com).

First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor  
Coffee Break Concert Series, 2018-2019 ①  
Free Concert and Open to the Public

# Vocal Concert

## Portraits of a Woman

Lenora Green, soprano  
Ling-Ju Lai, piano

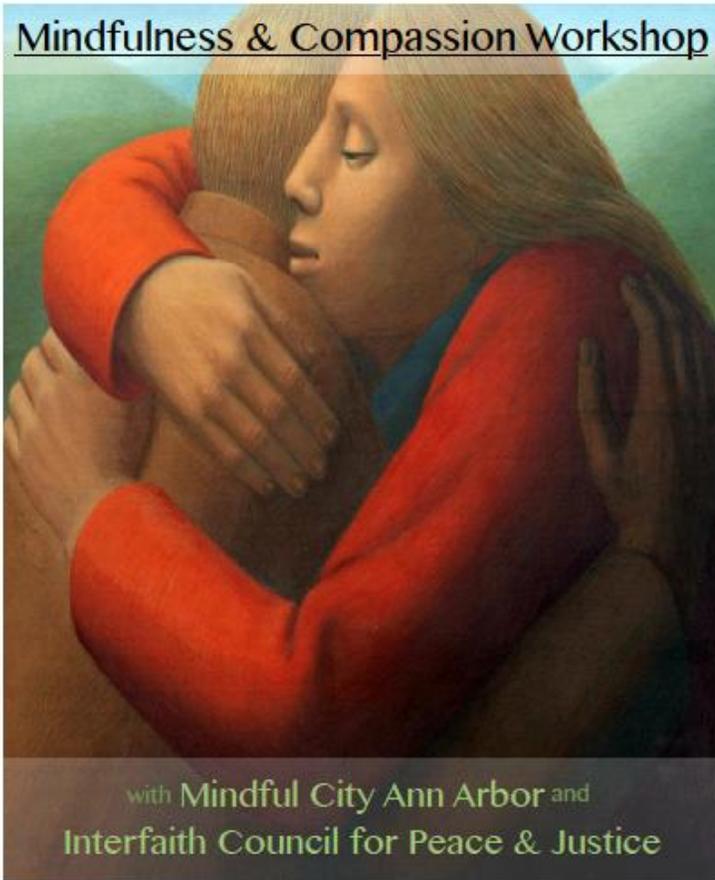


Music by  
Puccini  
Mozart  
Adams  
Gershwin  
Moore

**October 4, 2018**  
**Thursday at 12:15 pm**

517 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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## Mindfulness & Compassion Workshop



*In 2016 and 2017, many of our congregation participated in discussions on Race, with many sessions led by La’Ron Williams. One of the goals was to raise awareness of systemic racism and inequality in our culture. One of the persistent challenges we considered was how we go about changing these systems. The Boards of Mission Action and Christian Education sponsored the earlier series and are joining again to offer another opportunity to participate and grow.*

When confronting injustice produced by human systems of indifference and intolerance, it is important for people of faith and conscience to find sustainable practices to help remain faithful to the fundamental principles underlying their engagement.

Mindfulness practices, along with worship, help individuals to discover a stronger spiritual presence within themselves as well as a sense of interconnectedness, love and compassion for other humans.

Compassionate behavior occurs when 1) people are aware of suffering of those around them, 2) people want to help alleviate that suffering, and 3) they take action to accomplish that.

We are inviting ICPJ and Mindful City Ann Arbor to lead a 3.5 hour workshop, teaching mindfulness and compassion practices. In this introductory workshop several core principles of mindfulness and compassion will be explored. Through experiential activities, discussion and reflection, participants will discover how mindfulness relates to compassion for self and others. Participants will be guided in specific practices that they can use in daily life to cultivate greater empathy and equanimity.

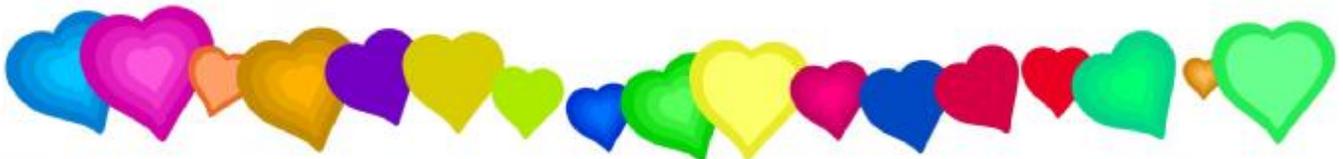
**Sunday October 28, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM in the Memorial Lounge  
at First Baptist Church (517 E Washington St, Ann Arbor 48104)**

**Registration fee \$35      *Space is limited so please register early***

Register online at <https://mindfulnesscompassion1stbaptist.eventbrite.com>

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1:00 Mission Action 5:30 Vespers	3 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Gathering	4 12:15 Coffee Break Concert 7:30 Choir	5	6
7 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour	8	9 5:30 Vespers	10 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Gathering	11 7:30 Choir	12	13
14 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour	15 7:00 Outreach 7:00 Facebook Book Grp.	16 1:30 Beecher-Brewer Cir. 5:30 Vespers 7:00 Trustees	17 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Gathering	18 1:00 MacGregor-Stitt Circle 7:30 Choir	19	20
21 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour	22	23 9:30 ABWM Board 5:30 Vespers	24 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Gathering	25 7:30 Choir	26	27
28 10:00 Worship 11:30 2nd Hour 1:00 Mindful Compassion Seminar	29	30 5:30 Vespers	31 1:30 Bible Study 5:00 Gathering			



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The Reverends Paul & Stacey Simpson Duke, Co-Pastors

Next  
Newsletter  
Deadline:  
*Sunday, Oct 7*

## Parking Lot Work Scheduled

The parking lot is scheduled to be excavated and repaved starting Monday, October 8. Weather permitting it will be ready for Sunday worship on October 14. During the week **there will be no parking available at FBC.** We will get out more information as the date approaches, but want to start calling it out so people may plan accordingly.