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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

—MICAH 6:8



Join us this weekend for Coming Home Sunday! This will be a festive regathering of our community after summer travels and summer schedules. Children's Church School (following Time as Children) will kickoff, too! During Fellowship Time, we'll celebrate with cake and punch!

STUDENT & EDUCATOR BLESSING

9.10.23



One of the annual traditions at First Baptist is our Blessing of Students and Educators. We offer this blessing in worship for all students (from preschool through graduate school and beyond) and all educators (teachers and professors at all levels, as well as administrators and support staff in any kind of educational setting). We look forward to blessing our students and educators this Sunday!

FALL 2023

YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH FAMILIES GATHERING
SEPTEMBER 10 @ 5:00 PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF YOUTH GROUP
SEPTEMBER 17

RETREAT AT HOWELL NATURE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 23-24

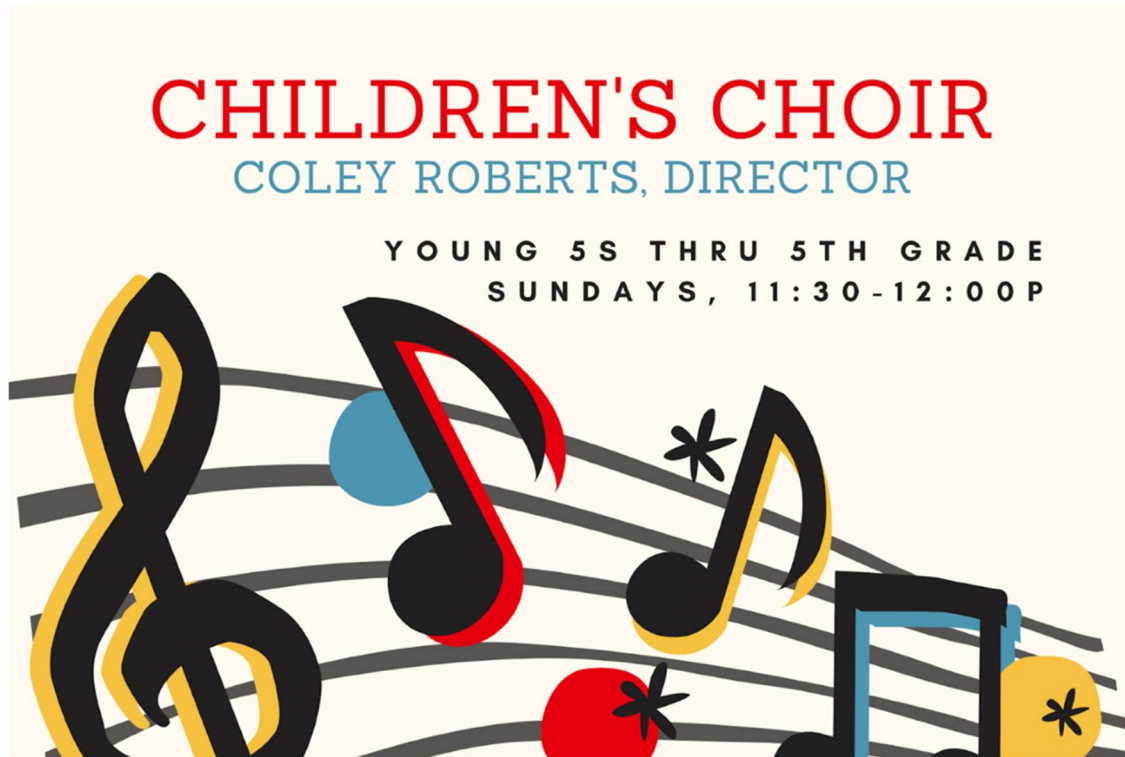
All families with youth going into grades 6-12 are invited to a gathering at the Morgan home (2614 Page Court) on Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 PM. We'll have dinner, roast s'mores, and kick off the new school year. If you can attend, [please RSVP](#) by Sunday, September 3. The first Sunday of Youth Group will be September 17 after the morning service.

All youth are invited to a retreat at the Howell Nature Center on September 23-24. Teens will enjoy each fun and games in the great outdoors while learning about nature and conservation efforts. If your teen can attend, please RSVP to [Jillian Mast](#) by August 31.

New Adult Formation Class. The new church programming year begins September 17. All adults are invited to a new series of discussions, based on some of the important commitments that define our church. As most of you have seen, a large sign just inside the East Washington entrance has the heading "We Seek To," and then lists ten of our commitments. The first of these is to Follow Jesus. The other nine name particular components of how we seek to do this as a church community..

The new Adult Formation series is called "We Seek To....," and will focus on various aspects of three of the nine, beginning with: "Respect All People," The

sessions are bound to be illuminating and inspiring. Please join us!



Children's Choir for kids in Young 5's through 5th grade begins Sunday, September 17th! Coley Roberts and Heather Reed are looking forward to meeting with the children each Sunday from 11:30-12:00 in the Children's Choir room in the Children's Ministry wing. Kids may be picked up from the choir room at noon or they can head to our supervised play space until 12:30 when adult and teen formation classes end (12:30p). We are looking forward to a year of fun faith formation through song!



Mark your calendar for a short, festive, outdoor service celebrating the gift of relationship between humans and animals Sunday, October 1, at 4:00p at Burns Park. Bring your pets for a special blessing! Alternatively, bring a picture of your pet to be blessed. We'll have Washtenaw Dairy donuts, Starbucks coffee, and pup cups, too! You're invited to bring donations of pet food for Pet Pals Mutual Aid.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Sam Kidd to perform at the Kerrytown Concert House in October! Sam will be in town after having been in San Francisco for the summer singing with Merola Opera which is with San Francisco Opera. He will be performing a really wonderful concert at Kerrytown Concert House on Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:30pm. You can go online for the concert house or call for tickets. The house only seats 100 so seats will go fast. It will be very special to hear Sam in that special venue. The write up from the concert house is [here](#)!

"Kerrytown Concert House is delighted to welcome back to its stage Ann Arbor native and Houston Grand Opera finalist, baritone Samuel Kidd. Joining him

will be collaborative pianist Julian Grabarek – both artists just back from a summer performing in San Francisco for the world-renowned Merola Opera Program. Together, Kidd and Grabarek will present *Ev'ry Night and Ev'ry Morn*, a compelling voice recital centered on Benjamin Britten's striking and haunting cycle, *Songs and Proverbs of William Blake*, examining the contradictions of modern life in our societies, relationships, and even within ourselves. You won't want to miss this special opportunity to hear an extraordinary baritone emerging on the national operatic scene in KCH's intimate setting!"



Dear First Baptist, Thank you for helping to create brighter futures for children, youth, and families in under-resourced Washtenaw County neighborhoods! Your donations helped make our 2023 Back to School Drive a HUGE success! Together, we collected 547 backpacks and over 457 boxes of school supplies all for Washtenaw County families. Thanks to your generosity, this school year is sure to be a great one for CAN students!

Sincerely,
Your friends at CAN

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will next meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm to discuss *The Trees* by Percival Everett. Paula Burton will be hosting the group. All ladies are welcome! Please contact [Janice Stumpf](#) or [Mary Gregg](#) if you have any questions.



Altar Flowers for Sunday. We have a few Sundays open to bring flowers for the worship service. You can sign up on the church website [Connect page](#). Flowers can be brought to the office on Friday between 9am and 3pm, or bring them with you on Sunday morning. After worship you can take them home or send them on to one of our home-bound church family.

AD LIBITUM CONCERT SERIES

I am delighted to announce the schedule of our AD LIBITUM Concert Series for 2023-2024. It will be the 11th year of celebrating music in our beautiful sanctuary which has been a place where people can feel comfort, peace, joy and beauty through music and where people can share their love for music with others. Thank you all for supporting the series for all those years. Our concert series will continue to offer a place to all. All concerts are held on Fridays at noon. They are free and open to the public. If you would like to financially support our concert series, please send a check with a note "Concert Series" to our church office. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. Please share the concert series schedule and posters. Hard copies are available in the hallway. They are also available on our church website under Resources.

- Shin-Ae Chun

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SEPTEMBER 29

"Organ"

Organ music from Poland, Czech,
Norway, Denmark and Sweden
Józef Kotowicz, organ
Teaching organ and improvisation
at the Fryderyk Chopin Music University
in Białystok, Poland

MARCH 15

"Violin and Piano"

Maria Bessmentseva, violin
Ekaterina Bessmeltseva, piano
Music by Schnittke and Lekeu

OCTOBER 27

"Harpsichord"

Edward Parmentier, harpsichord
Professor Emeritus of Music, UM
Music by F.Couperin, Byrd,
Froberger and d'Anglebert

APRIL 12

"Arias and Songs"

Sonja Srinivasan, lyric soprano
Arias by Mozart and more

DECEMBER 1

"Music and Poetry"
on Christmas and Winter

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse.

MAY 17

"Well-Tempered Clavier"

Book 1, Fugues No.1-No.15
On Harpsichord, Piano and Organ
Alice Van Wambeke,
Gail Jennings and Shin-Ae Chun



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PRAYER REQUESTS. Praying together is a core element of our life together. Each Sunday during worship (10:00a on our [Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#), and in person), we pray for those we know to pray for by name during the Prayers of the People. You are invited to share prayer requests/praises using [this form](#).

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