



FBCA2 Hosts the Daytime Warming Shelter in February



Loving Our Neighbors! You are an important part of the hospitality we offer to our unhoused neighbors in February. Thank you for your generous response. **We are close to having everything covered, however, we still have 14 opportunities to provide a grocery item for the hot meals we will serve.** For example, we still need rolls, onions, canned fruit, salad, etc. You can sign up online at fbca2.org/connect to indicate what you're able to bring. Questions? Please contact one of our Here Anchor Team Members (Mary Davis, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Tom Gebhardt, and Xan Morgan).

Honoring the Life and Ministry of Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke

February 27th marks the first anniversary of Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke dying. We are honoring her life and ministry in a few ways; we hope you find these opportunities meaningful and helpful.

Art Memorial - During the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 4th, the FBCA2 committee organizing the memorial and the artist will share about the art that is being created in Pastor Stacey's honor.

Gathering to Read Stacey's Prayers and Sermons - On Tuesday, February 27th we'll gather together to read and listen to prayers and sermons written by Pastor Stacey. The gathering will be led by Xan Morgan at Robbie and Bill Stapleton's house (528 Sunset Road, Ann Arbor) from 7:00-9:00p. You are welcome to bring a salty or sweet treat to share if you'd like.

Mitten Knitting Class - Last February, one of our dear pastors, Stacey Simpson Duke, passed away. She was a marvelous knitter and often spun roving into yarn before sitting with a project. A cozy knitted mitten pattern has been found in which one can incorporate pieces of Stacey's roving. We have wool roving of Stacey's that is ready to be made into something beautiful.

All knitters are welcome to join us to make thrums from roving and weave them into mittens. The class will be held at Spun on two consecutive Thursdays, March 7 and 14 from 3:30-5:30. We are honored to have Carol Ullmann, creator of the Thrummed Mittens pattern, as our instructor. On February 22, there will be an initial gathering of participants at FBC in the Memorial lounge from 3:30 till 5:30. We will review the pattern and start the homework. Stacey's roving will be available for purchase; the cost of the class at Spun is \$85. To learn more and sign up for the class, please go to fbca2.org/mitten or connect with [Xan Morgan](#), [Kay Wilson](#), or [Kristin Reynolds](#).



Annual Financial Meeting

Our annual financial meeting will be held after worship on February 4. We have important work to do together and we hope you'll attend this in-person meeting. We'll vote on this year's budget, name membership changes and honor those in our community who have died over the past year, and share a potluck meal together. As we honor those who have died, we will share about the art memorial that is underway to celebrate Pastor Stacey's ministry.

The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages (as well as plates and utensils).

- If your last name begins with A-D, please bring a salad or vegetable
- If your last name begins with E-M, please bring a potato, rice, or pasta dish
- If your name begins with N - Z, please bring fruit or a dessert

Volunteers will receive your meal donation in the kitchen before worship if you would like to drop it off. Please provide heating or refrigeration directions and be sure that your dish and serving utensil is labeled with your name.

Congregational Notes

The FBC Ladies' Book Club was rescheduled due to icing conditions and will now meet on **Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, at the home of Mary Davis. Please do not hesitate to contact [Janice Stumpf](#) or [Mary Davis](#) if you have any questions. All ladies are welcome!

Church member seeks medium-term foster for pet cat. Jodylynn Wood is selling her house and is looking to foster her cat for 4 to 6 months. If you can help or have any questions, please email [Jodylynn](#) for details.

FBCA2 crew at Hope Clinic on January 18. Thanks to everyone who helped and thank you, Jodylynn, for the pics! If you are interested in finding out more about the monthly meal, please reach out to [Karen Rayner](#).



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](#).

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE. The next newsletter will be Thursday, February 8. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, February 6.
