



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.  
—MICAH 6:8

## HOLY WEEK AT FBCA2



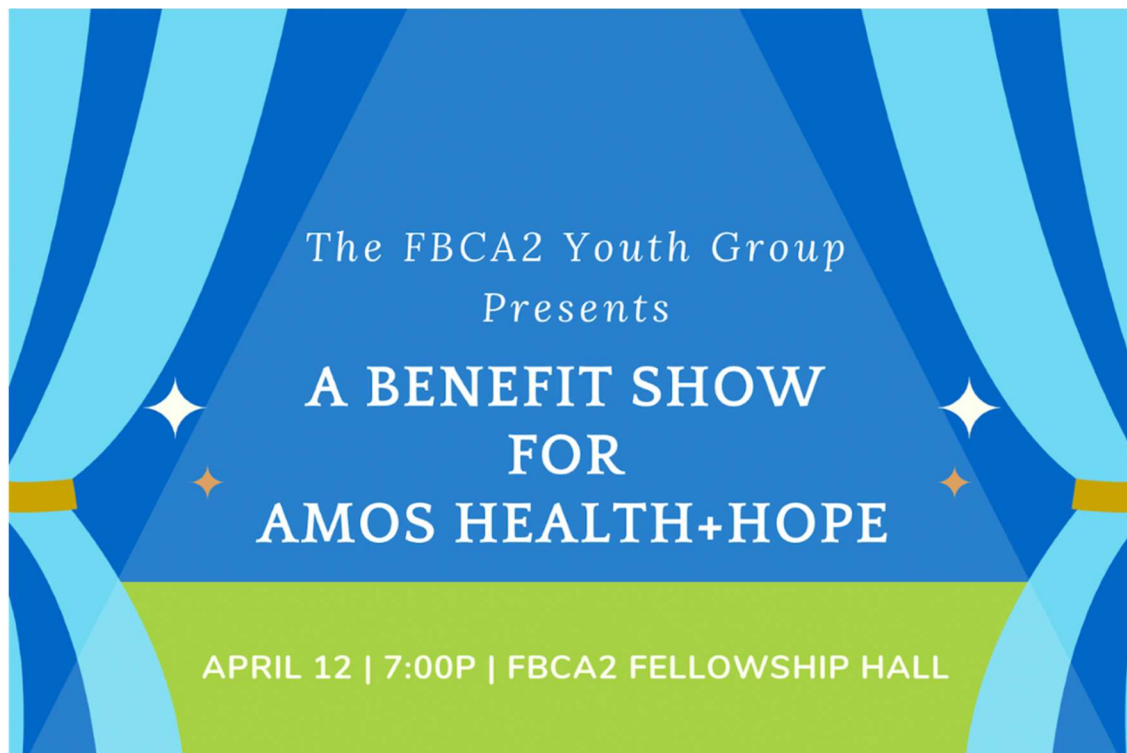
**Palm/Passion Sunday.** We begin worship with the joy of Palm Sunday before making the turn towards the somber call of Holy Week. Join us for this special service of Lessons & Hymns as we reflect on the stories and meaning of both Palm Sunday and the Passion.

**Community Good Friday Service.** We have a longstanding tradition of joining with sister churches First United Methodist and First Congregational to offer the community a midday Good Friday service. We have one service with leadership from all three congregations beginning at noon. The service is held at FBCA2 this year.



**Good Friday Tenebrae Service.** Join us for our Good Friday service of shadows, as we sit together in the growing darkness to hear again the story of Jesus' Passion in word, song, and silence, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

**Easter Sunday.** Join us for Easter Sunday worship and an Easter Egg Hunt as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection!



Come enjoy the fun as our Youth Group performs a mix of classical and pop music + fun stories and skits! The money raised from this event will go towards water filters and kids' programming for a rural community in Nicaragua. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10/person or \$30/family. With your concert ticket you'll get a raffle ticket with a chance to win prizes like gift baskets (teen skin care, puppy care, rocket fizz soda pop, date night), Love Over Everything T-shirt, AMOS swag, and more. We'll also have a silent auction for some more exclusive items like a hat hand-knitted by Pastor Stacey, hand-tatted earrings, and UofM football tickets. You can purchase your ticket for the show at the Ministry Station each Sunday or online at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect). And as we're still glowing from our time together at Cock-a-doodle-Poo Bingo, we're going to continue our bundle offer for raffle tickets purchased before Easter - 10 for \$40!




# TIME TO CONNECT



**Answering Your  
Questions About Our  
Time of Transition**

Thursday, April 4th  
12:00-1:00p on Zoom



As we prepare for a season of transition with Pastor Paul's retirement ahead, we want to stay connected. As our moderator, Robbie Stapleton mentioned in her letter to the congregation last week, "We will update you at every step in this process and welcome and solicit your good wisdom." We are committed to sharing updates as we have them; for now, we want to create time and space for you to ask questions and share any thoughts or concerns you may have. Join Robbie, Paula (Chair of Personnel and our Interim Transition Team), and Xan Morgan (Director of Community Life and Co-Chair of our Retirement Celebration Planning Committee) on Thursday, April 4th from 12:00-1:00p. We'll gather on Zoom so folks can join us during their lunch hour. [Here is the Zoom link](#) for our meeting.

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On Sunday, April 28th after worship, we look forward to celebrating our ministry together as we honor the past 23 years with Pastors Paul and Stacey as our leaders. Our moderator, Robbie Stapleton shares more information below about this meeting and our constitution. Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting for a potluck lunch. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring fruit or a dessert. If your last name begins with E-M, please bring a salad or vegetables. If your name begins with N - Z, please bring potato, rice, or pasta dish. We look forward to this time together!

**Proposal for Constitution Updates.** The FBC Constitution wisely requires that the congregation be notified of any proposed changes to it a month before bringing it to a vote so that folks can familiarize themselves with the proposed revisions. A Revision Committee composed of Greg Cartee, Sue Ellen Glover, LJ Brazier and Robbie Stapleton spent a good part of the fall looking over the Constitution, which was last revised in 2007, in an effort to make it reflect more accurately our current practices. This Committee proposes a few revisions, mostly minor, for your consideration with a plan to vote on the Revised Constitution at our Annual Program Meeting April 28.

Most of the revisions are formatting changes, or language changes (Board of Evangelism to Board of Outreach, for example), or in one case, additional content (a Personnel Committee was added to the Board of Trustees' duties).

Included here is the [Constitution](#) as last revised in 2007 for you to refer to, and the [Revised Constitution](#) with changes highlighted for you to consider. Hard copies of both are available in the church office. We are a church that functions through the work of committees and boards, and the Revised Constitution has been approved by the Board of Trustees and by the Executive Council; a big

thanks goes out to our hard-working Committee!

Be sure to attend our Annual Meeting on April 28 to celebrate our Programming year, elect new officers, vote on the revision mentioned above, AND celebrate the ministry of Paul and Stacey Duke! See you there.

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**We're looking forward to Children's Ministry Sunday on April 21st!** The kids will lead the prayers, share the Scripture readings, play music, and greet. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00-11:30 for children Young 5s and older. To help us plan, could you please take a moment to fill out this [Children's Ministry Sunday form](#). You'll be asked to share about your availability and whether your child(ren) would like to play an instrument and/or have a speaking part during worship. Looking forward to the time planning and leading worship with your kids! ~Xan

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Join the FBCA2 church family as we go bowling on Sunday, April 28th at Station 300 from 5-7p! We hope many of you will be able to join in on this fun, intergenerational outing. The cost for this event is \$15/person or \$40/family which will include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Church is able to cover the cost of bowling as needed. [Please RSVP](#) by Sunday, April 21.

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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

**Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Sunday to celebrate our relationship with AMOS Health + Hope and our upcoming youth trip!** Special thanks to everyone who helped make our first-ever Cock-A-Doodle-Poo Bingo fundraiser happen - especially Lindsay and Chris Duke who supplied the chickens! And thanks to all of you who purchased the tickets that helped us raise over \$3,000 for water filters for rural communities in Nicaragua! It is so much fun doing good work with you!

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**Easter Cards.** The Board of Care and Community invites you to stop by the tables during fellowship time on March 24th to sign Easter cards for our friends in the congregation who are unable to join us in person.

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# AD LIBITUM Concert Series



## AD LIBITUM CONCERT SERIES

Celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> year, 2023-2024 / V  
Free Concerts and Open to the Public



## Arias and Songs

Sonja Srinivasan, lyric soprano  
Mariah Boucher, piano

Music by  
Mozart, Dvorak,  
Grieg, Strauss,  
Puccini and Gershwin

**April 12, 2024**  
**Friday at Noon**



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Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series will present "Arias and Songs Concert" on Friday, April 12 at noon. Lyric soprano Sonja Srinivasan and our own Mariah Boucher on the piano will collaborate to perform a delight program which will include arias (from *Gianni Schicchi*, *La Bohème* and *Porgy and Bess*) and songs by Mozart, Dvořák, Grieg, Puccini and Gershwin. This is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

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### Easter Lily Order Form

I / We would like to order an Easter Lily (\$25 each) to be given:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check made out to "First Baptist Church" for \$\_\_\_\_, for a total of \_\_\_\_ plant(s), which will be displayed on the chancel Easter Sunday, and may be picked up following the service that day. **Paid orders must be received by Monday, March 25.** Please leave them in Kat's mailbox in the office.

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**Hold the date and plan to attend!!!!** There will be a wonderful and free concert here at FBC in our Sanctuary on Saturday, April 13th starting at 4:00pm. The University of Michigan School of Music, Theater, and Dance, Friends of Opera scholarship endowment offers scholarships each year to promising young opera singers. In addition to these monetary scholarships, there is an annual competition held each Fall in which singers compete for additional scholarship money. There are undergraduate and graduate prizes. Sam Kidd won the undergraduate competition when he was a student here! We are happy to offer our space for this recital of all the winners from this year. I invite all of you to come out and support these young and emerging opera singers. It would be wonderful to pack our sanctuary with grateful listeners. I am on the Board of Friends of Opera and can't wait to once again hear them.

- Bonnie Kidd

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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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**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE.** The next newsletter will be Thursday, April 4. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 2.

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