



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

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



Happy Easter!! And the Big Weekend Coming Up

We get to keep saying Happy Easter all the way up to Pentecost. It was wonderful to see over 160 people in the sanctuary and to know that others were worshipping online. I realize the visiting relatives have had to go back home, but it is so enlivening to have all those Alleluias joined together. As the weather improves, I look forward to seeing more people in person at church as much as I look forward

to seeing new blossoms every day.

Like many of you I am looking forward with much excitement to this coming weekend. You might not know that the search committee had to come to a unanimous decision on a candidate before bringing one to the congregation. Having served on a PSC and knowing the deep convictions and diligent work of our present committee, I feel certain that they have been guided to this person by the Spirit. The practice of having one candidate is fairly common in the Protestant tradition and has been the case for our church for a long time, maybe always.

We will be able to interact with our candidate (more info below from the PSC) and then be part of Easter 2 with her leading worship followed by a congregational meeting to vote on the call. I encourage all who can do so to come in person for this Sunday. A strong in-person presence will be very welcoming and demonstrate our excitement about this next chapter of our church. This is a big moment for the future of our congregation, and it is important for many people to participate in this decision. Then, there is that quorum of **75 official members present** (either in person or electronically) in order to call a new pastor, which we must meet to have the vote count.

For those who can't be at worship and the meeting in person, an e-connection with the Zoom link and instructions has gone out to members. [Please contact me](#) if you haven't received it. The meeting and vote will be immediately following worship in the sanctuary. In-person voting will be by paper ballot. Please come be a part of this important work for our church family. As I have said many times before, we are the church together.

Mary Davis,
Moderator

April 10
6:30p Dinner with youth and their families

April 11
3p Gathering with music staff, Boards of Music & Arts and Worship, and choir

April 11
10a Brunch with young adults and children

April 11
5p Dinner with congregation

April 11
12p Coffee and sandwiches with Executive Council, boards, and staff

April 12
10a Preaching and worship followed by congregational meeting and vote!

[RSVP here](#)

Our Pastoral Candidating weekend is this weekend! We will have several opportunities for you to meet the candidate and ask questions. Members of the Pastor Search Committee will be present at each gathering to facilitate conversation.

Here is the schedule:

- Friday, April 10, 6:30-8:00p Gathering with youth and families for dinner at church
- Saturday, April 11 10:00-11:30a Brunch with young adults and children at church
- Saturday, April 11 12:00-1:30p Coffee and light sandwiches with Executive Council, boards, and church staff

- Saturday, April 11 3:00-4:00p Conversation with music staff, Boards of Music & Arts and Worship, and choir at church
- Saturday, April 11 5:00-6:30p Dinner with congregation at church
- Sunday, April 12 Preaching and worship followed by congregational meeting and vote

There will be a championship parade for the University of Michigan men's basketball team this Saturday at 10:00a. Check out which streets will be closed [here](#).



Welcome to our Newest Members! We are all made richer in faith because of your joining us!



Lindsay (she/her) and Chris Duke (he/him) have been attending First Baptist for many years, with Lindsay first attending in 2013 and Chris in 2001. They were married in 2016 by Paul and Stacey Duke, and they now have two children, Benjamin age

6 and Oliver age 4, who both enthusiastically love coming to First Baptist. Lindsay is the childcare supervisor at First Baptist and organizes the Village play group at church, and Chris works in public health research. Chris is the son of Paul Duke, former pastor at the church. The Dukes live on a small farm on the north side of Ann Arbor with many animals, domesticated and wild. They enjoy camping up north every summer.

Frank (Qiushi) Yan (he/him) grew up and went to college for Mechanical Engineering and Automation in China and moved to Ann Arbor in 2014 for grad school. He has two masters from U of M in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science and an online MBA. He met his wife Michelle in U of M and decided to stay in the area after their daughter Allie was born. Frank worked as an application engineer in China and an R&D engineer in Dexter before starting his own engineering and fabrication business.





Lucy Thompson (she/her) is happy to call First Baptist her church home and is grateful to have been a part of the choir for nearly 30 years. She lives in Tecumseh where she teaches private music lessons and works with the Tecumseh Youth Theatre.

Piper Morgan (she/her) has been attending First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor since she was 4. In her 9 years as part of this church family, she has grown alongside her peers and has appreciated her deep connections with church members of all ages. Piper is a church school teacher (in 2 classrooms!), acolytes, and reads in worship. Piper loves to sing and dance! She thinks it is important to show God's love in ways that honor the dignity of all people; one of the reasons she finds First Baptist a good place to be!



Weekend with

AMOS

Health & Hope

AMOS Health and Hope. Join us next Sunday, April 19th as we welcome Rev. Kent Harrop (AMOS board member) as a representative from AMOS Health & Hope, our long-time mission partner in Nicaragua. Kent will be preaching, leading Adult Formation, and sharing updates on AMOS's work, including recent shifts to their model which have presented both new challenges and opportunities. As we look towards the future, we hope you will join us in connecting with Kent and continuing to build our partnership with AMOS!



Celebrating Graduates. We like to give a shout out to all those in our church family who are graduating from programs this year. Please send an email to our Office Administrator, [Kat Becker](#) by Monday, April 20, if you or someone in your household is graduating.



We're looking forward to Children's Ministry Sunday on May 3rd! The kids will lead the prayers, share the Scripture readings, play music, and greet. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00-11:30 for children in PreK through 5th grade. 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. Xan is looking forward to the time planning and leading worship with your kids!



Flowers Needed for Worship! We invite you to help beautify our church sanctuary by providing flowers for worship. Providing flowers is a meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply contribute to the warmth and spirit of our shared space. Our flower sign up for the spring and summer is looking pretty bare. Can you help decorate our sanctuary? You can bring your own or arrange for Dana Larson to order them for \$50. [Sign up here](#) or at fbca2.org/connect.

ADULT FORMATION

Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering. If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a new small group gathering for you in the Campus Center (office wing) on the first and third (and sometimes fifth) Sundays of the month after Fellowship time (11:30a). We'll plan to attend congregational meetings. Come share about your week and what's happening in your life, discuss current events, or just relax and listen. On the first Sunday of the month, we plan

to share a meal together. Questions? Contact [Meg Suell](#), [Valerie Francia](#), or [LJ Brazier](#).

The Gathering is our campus ministry during the academic year. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact [Mary Davis](#), sign up at fbca2.org/connect, or make a financial gift by check to the church or via [PayPal](#). The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:00p in the campus center living room.

Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00p in the campus center living room. The group will read and discuss the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES





We loved celebrating Easter at FBCA2!

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, April 23. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 21.



The poster features a green background with a rack of colorful clothing (shirts, jackets, pants) at the top and bottom. A central white circle contains the text 'A²ZERO MONTHLY CLOTHING SWAPS'. To the right, a green starburst lists dates: 'March 19', 'April 16', and 'May 21'. Below the circle, it says '4 PM - 7 PM' and '3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH'. The location is 'City Hall Council Chambers, 301 E Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI' with an RSVP link 'luma.com/a2zeroclothingswaps'. A QR code is on the left. A white box on the right contains the text: 'GIVE YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHES A NEW HOME AND KEEP THEM OUT OF THE LANDFILL AND LOCAL WATERWAYS!'.

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HOW IT WORKS

Bring up to 10 clean clothing items in good to great condition. Accessories are also welcome. You do not have to donate items to take items.

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Join monthly A²ZERO clothing swaps on the third Thursday of each month! Spring swaps will be held on 4/16 and 5/21. Swaps are an opportunity to refresh your wardrobe, without buying new. Swaps are also a chance to gift your gently used clothes to members of your community, without contributing to the 92 million tons of textile waste generated globally each year. These are completely free events. *How it works:* Each person can bring up to 10 items of clothing in good condition (no rips, holes, stains or

unwashed items please unless you're bringing them to the mending or dying workshop!). Accessories such as bags, jewelry, and belts are also welcome. You can take clothing without bringing anything, or bring clothing without taking anything. Skill Building Workshop: This spring we'll have workshops on mending, natural dying and screen printing. Check out the full swap and workshop schedule and subscribe for updates [here](#).

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