



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

-MICAH 6:8



**Welcome Party!** Join us on Sunday, July 12 from 4-6p as we throw a party to welcome Pastor Laura, Si, Tom, and Lydia to First Baptist! More information to come.



**Online Photo Directory.** Our new pastor, Rev. Laura Harris-Adam, is starting at FBCA2 soon! We would love to have our online photo directory, Servant Keeper, updated before she joins us. If you haven't already, please [add a picture](#) of yourself or your family to your household profile on Servant Keeper. Or send a photo directly to [Christina Alaniz](#) and she will add it for you! Reach out to Christina if you need any help logging into your account.

[Update your profile here!](#)

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### Upcoming Preachers



#### **June 21: Phil Christman**

Phil Christman is a writer and a lecturer in the English Department Writing Program at University of Michigan. During the past year, he has led The Gathering, First Baptist's student ministry, and has taught or co-taught adult education sessions on advent poetry, the seven deadly sins, and his own recent book, *Why Christians Should Be Leftists* (2025).

**June 28: Robbie Stapleton**

Robbie and her husband, Bill, have been members of First Baptist since 2014. She has degrees from Albion College, Michigan State University and The University of Michigan, and has lived in Ann Arbor for 42 years. Robbie taught at Community High School for 32 of those years and retired from teaching in 2020. At First Baptist, Robbie serves on the Board of Christian Ed and was Moderator from 2022 - 2025. Robbie and Bill have three grown "kids": Joe is working on his PhD at Princeton Theological Seminary. He and his wonderful wife, Kelsea, and their daughter, Rose and their son, Will, live in Princeton. Drew is a psychotherapist in Ann Arbor, and Tressa is a Research Analyst, also in Ann Arbor. Robbie and Bill are very close to achieving their goal of hiking in the 63 National Parks of the US! And, of course, they travel far and wide to see their favorite musician.



**For the summer months, Fellowship Time will be Lemonade on the Lawn!** Hosts will simply wheel an already stocked cart to the portico on the Washington Street side of the building. We'll serve lemonade, water, and cookies. When we're done, the host will wheel the cart back to the kitchen and ta-da, you're done! Please [sign up](#) as you are able.

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**Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays.** Our FBC Saturday workday is June 27th, and our Friday workday is Aug 21st. The FBC volunteers will work with another Good News group congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on work days. If you have the time and wish to volunteer during the week go to the [Good News house website](#) and check out their [volunteer page](#) for signing waivers.

As in past years, our congregation has also committed financial support to the project. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2026. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to [Scott Diels](#) if you have any questions.

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**Save the Date for Pride!** Members of our Board of Outreach - Jamie Mills, Nick McLellan, and Rayna Garcia - are busy planning for our First Baptist table at Ann Arbor Pride. Keep an eye out for future communication about signing up to volunteer.

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## ADULT FORMATION

**Adult Formation and Wednesday Bible Study** will resume in the fall!

**Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering.** If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a small group for you! While the group is not officially meeting regularly over the summer, there will be occasional gatherings planned as folks are available. If you'd like to join our email list to get notified of our gatherings, contact [Meg Suell](#), [Valerie Francia](#), or [Jamie Mills](#).

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**A big thanks to Kathleen Ford**, who will be volunteering in the office on Tuesday afternoons. We are grateful for her partnership in ministry.

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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

**Scholarship Announcement.** You may have noticed some thank you notes from our scholarship recipients in our last e-newsletter (and in this one!) Congratulations to the 2026 recipients of our FBCA2 camp and continuing education scholarships, made possible through the Chadsey-Keivit, Fullerton-Loucks, and Johnson funds.



We are proud to support you in your faith formation and educational journeys!

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**Ingrid and Piper** are at Camp Christian this week. Please join us in prayer for a transformative week with lots of laughter and joy!



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**FBC Men's Book Club.** The men's book club will next meet on June 22nd to discuss *The Prophetic Imagination* by Walter Brueggeman. We will meet at 7 PM at the home of Clay Scott, 436 3rd St. Reach out to [Clay Scott](#) if you have any questions.

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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, July 2. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, June 30.



# Queerly Beloved Retreat



**Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Ortonville, MI**  
**At the Tamarack Adventure & Retreat Center**



Embrace queer  
joy, gender  
euphoria, and  
profound  
belonging in a  
beautiful nature  
retreat setting.

Celebrate the power and resilience of  
trans, gender-expansive, and queer  
folks in beloved spiritual community.

**[QueerlyBelovedRetreat.Org](https://QueerlyBelovedRetreat.Org)**

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