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Directions to

**First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor
1432 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, 48104**

www.firstpresbyterian.org

734-662-4466

From the East

If you are coming to Ann Arbor from the east on I 94 take U.S. 23 north.

If you are coming from the east on M-14, take U.S. 23 South

- Exit U.S. 23 at exit 37B (Ann Arbor). You will be Traveling west on Washtenaw Ave.
- After approximately 1-1/2 Miles, Washtenaw veers To the right at a “Y” intersection; follow it to the Right into the town.
- The church is located on the left shortly after you cross Hill Street.

From the West

If you are coming to Ann Arbor from the west on I-94:

- Take the State Street exit and turn left, following State north past the Athletic campus and into town.
- Turn right into Hill Street at the light and continue down to Washtenaw Ave.
- Turn left and the church is nearly immediately on your left, before the light for South University.

PWPD December Gathering

Saturday,

December 8, 2018

At 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Brunch in the Social Hall
with Reservation**

Cost of Brunch is \$8.00

Your reservation deadline is

November 30 at 5 PM

Call the church office

Linda Robinson, Office Manager

lrobinson@firstpresbyterian.org

734-662-4466

Devotions and Christmas Program

10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Handicap accessible from side door off
entrance driveway.**

PW Moderator – Virginia Bell

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Here we are at the end of October and the beginning of November. Where did this year go? It seems that as you get older that time flies by, which is quite different when you were young. It always seemed to take a long time for Thanksgiving and Christmas to come. I still get excited about the holidays and enjoy planning everything.

Well anyway, every one of you should bring a friend to the December gathering. It will be wonderful. The Presbyterian Players of Farmington will be presenting a play called **“Christmas Unwrapped”** by Michelle R. Davis. I am really getting excited to see it. If you remember last December we met at First Farmington and they presented a play. It was very good. So put on your calendars **December 8, 2018 at First Ann Arbor gathering**. I hope to see you there.

I have a little poem on Precious Memories from the book “Daily Reflections.”

Precious little memories of little things well done,
Make the very darkest day a bright and happy one.
Tender little memories of some word or deed,
Gives us strength and courage when we are in need,
Blessed little memories help us bear the cross
and soften all the bitterness of failure and of loss,
Priceless little memories are treasures without price,
And through the gateway of the heart they lead to paradise.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

Thank you, Jesus, for our precious memories of the past and thank you for the promise of what is yet to come. Teach us to relax in these hectic and busy days. Awaken the laughter within us. Reduce the tension. Help us to take time today to build a snowman, or at least make a snowball. If there is no snow, then let us just pretend! Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Grace and Peace,
Janet Morton, WPPD Moderator

Justice and Peace Committee

MORAL MALE LAPEL PINS NOW AVAILABLE FOR GROUPS OF YOUNG MEN/BOYS

It turned out that the Justice & Peace Committee's order of 250 Moral Male silver and black lapel pins was able to be reduced to 100. Several members of our committee chipped in the over \$400 cost of the lapel pins and pledge cards that read: "I promise to treat the women and girls in my life with respect so that they may trust me to never use force against them or harm them in any way." So far in the media there's been a lot of press on sexual harassment, but we feel we have an action plan to address the problem. The only order for pins has come from Ruth Azar, who heads Second Mile Center. She ordered 25 pins and we're planning to launch our Moral Male project at the center for the first time before the end of the year. (I plan to get media coverage and play as background music Aretha Franklin's popular song "Respect"!) It is our hope that with publicity, our approach to addressing sexual violence gets adopted by more groups. Please contact me if interested in presenting this project to young men's groups in your area. Also, please let me know if you're able to help pay the cost of the lapel pins.

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Study/Spiritual Development

Hello Ladies,

I hope that you are enjoying the new bible study. We have more copies available at the Gatherings if you need them. I trust that your studies and fellowship are helpful to you as you continue your faith journey

Faithfully,

Kari Gorman
Vice-Moderator S/SD

Mission Committee

The Thank Offering is received in the fall and we will be collecting and dedicating it at our December Gathering. The theme for this year is “Diverse, yet one in Christ” from Romans 12:4–6a, NRSV “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us” Sixteen projects were chosen for funding from the 2018 Thank Offering. Twelve of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries. For information about the projects, a dedication service and an order form for interpretive materials go to <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/PWR18475-Thank-Offering-lo-res.pdf> or see the July/August issue of Horizons magazine.

Emily Nietering
Vice-Moderator Mission

Ingathering 2018

A successful Ingathering was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit Oct. 15-17. Here the crew of volunteers poses with some donations on Monday morning. Watch for further details in the next issue of Prism.



Second Mile Center

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' ”

1 Samuel 3:9 b NRSV

Greetings from the Second Mile Center of Detroit. It has been a busy couple of months with several visitor groups coming to the Center. In the month of September we hosted the PW Women's Gathering. They did amazing clean-up work. In the month of September and then again last week, 50 students from Seaholm High School of Birmingham visited. In all, the Center is cleaned, organized and ready for Thanksgiving. I must say the center looks amazing. I cannot thank all the people that helped put all this together.

The Second Annual Golf Outing was a success. A special shout out goes to all those who supported it with time, talents and financial support. The golf team that won was from 1st Dearborn Presbyterian Church. The church with the “most golfers playing” was once again Northbrook Presbyterian Church. Congratulations golfers and churches!

The in-gathering brought us much-needed goods that we are able to use and pass out to our beloved community. We are now gathering goods and gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas food giveaways. As well, we are starting to collect gift cards and gifts for each child and young adults for Christmas.

We are truly blessed and continue to ask God to speak to us. The end of the year is just around the corner so we ask you to think of us with your year-end donations. Every dollar counts for an organization like ours. I think of the family that lost their 14-year-old son to gun violence. I think of the family of seven that thanked us for the only meal they had on a Monday. I think of the children who hear the Word of God and are asked to be accountable. I think of the two students who went out of state for college. I think of all of you who pray for us fervently and support us not only with your words but with actions. Indeed, there is much to be thankful for.

God bless,

Ruth Azar

**Note: The 2019 Retreat will be held March 23, 2019 at Farmington First
Mark your Calendars**