

FIRST MERIDIAN HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BOB

This last Saturday the Session and Deacons got together for their annual retreat. There were many topics of discussion and ideas expressed. One topic was the church building and the philosophy of use for the building. Many questions were raised. One question was should the church support the building or should the building support the church? This raised follow-up questions like: What mission opportunities would not be possible without the building? What story does the building tell from the outside? What story does the building tell from the inside? Do people see it and think it is a historical and stable place, or do people see it and think that it is an inviting, real, authentic, and sustainable community of faith?

A major question to think about is how does the building facilitate the vision and ministry of First Meridian Heights? Our future story describes many scenarios where the building helps the congregation connect to the community. Relationships and community are words repeated often in the wordle pictures in the community room.

How can the building value and respect the spirituality and faith of all members of the community and open our doors to the community? How can the building be designed to stimulate relationships and build community? How might we change the way we view our role so our sacred place remains a rich and vital part of the social fabric of the community and at the same time tells people about God? How do we use all our resources: building, people, finances, and community connections to share God's love and grace and at the same time ensure our sustainability?

I am sure you, the congregation, and the community can see the scaffolding and the work being done on the outside of the building. The Session wants everyone in the congregation to know why they decided to make such a big investment in the building. After many years of putting off repairs, the tower is at a point of being a safety hazard with the potential of falling down and injuring someone, and water seeping through the



stone has caused many areas of damage to the inside of the building. The investment is major. Session has decided to take over

\$600,000 from the endowment to pay for the repairs. This will impact the income the church gets from the endowment to support the operating budget. Exactly how much depends on a number of factors including the growth or decline of the endowment from our return on investment. Because about half of the budget is funded by income from the endowment, this is important to be aware of, and stewardship and finance will be keeping you up to date on the details.

I tell you this information because it is important for you, the congregation, to know. More importantly it is important for the congregation to know and think about and pray about how our building helps us to do the mission and ministry of the church.

I think the community will see the work and ask what is going on in that place that they care enough to repair and keep up their sacred space.

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Where kids grow up and adults don't have to.

Join us for Messy Church

Second Wednesday every month
5:30 - 7 PM



Connect/RSVP with us
@FMHPC

FIRST MERIDIAN HEIGHTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
47th & Central Ave.

FMHPC.org/Messy-Church

Our next Messy Church is **Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30 p.m.** We hope you'll join us for this month's theme of "Healing."

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Hear a brief story about Christ's healing powers.
- Participate in health-themed crafts.
- Meet our friends from Raphael Health Center to learn more about this faith-based, federally qualified health center serving our community!
- Heal your hunger with a delicious meal (freewill offering dinner)!

We hope you'll invite friends to join us for Messy Church to experience the activities, food, fun, and Christ's love for themselves!

If you have questions, please contact Ginger Lippert at (317) 439-6868 or ginger6111@yahoo.com. We look forward to getting messy with you at FMHPC!

Breakfast in the Garden

You're invited! Join us for our Neighborhood Breakfast in the Garden on Saturday, **September 8**, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Meet the men and women of our local police and fire department! We've invited everyone living in the neighborhood, Northwood Food Pantry guests, students/parents of Parkview Preschool Co-op, Independence Academy, and CFI #70 to join us.

Northwood Food Pantry

Needs for September/October are plain rice (1 or 2 lb. bag/box) and dish soap (regular size bottle). For a list of all food pantry needs, visit fmhpc.org/serve.

Do you have a free Saturday morning? FMH serves the Northwood Food Pantry on the second, fourth, and fifth (if there is one) Saturday of each month. If you're able to volunteer, contact the church office at (317) 283-1305. THANK YOU!

Dime > Mattress > Elk Head > Pickup Truck

It's Bigger and Better! (Sunday, **October 28**, after church. Details in upcoming communications.)

GLOBAL FEST

The first annual Global Fest at CFI 70 is September 15, with a daylong celebration of culture and community through food, music, art, and play! First Meridian Heights has partnered with CFI 70 to make the day a success, and we have many volunteer positions that need to be filled. **Can you help?** If yes, please add your name to the paper on the small table outside the Sanctuary, or enter the following into your browser

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4da5ad29a7f58-cfi70global>

to see and sign up for open spots. Someone will contact you once you've signed up. Shifts are two hours.

And once you've finished volunteering, please stick around to enjoy this cultural experience! It will be wonderful! For questions about the event, call Jenny Melind (317) 418-4064. Thanks in advance for your participation and for helping create meaningful community connections!

SAVE THE DATE
Global Fest Indy

Saturday

Sept. 15th

12 p.m. – 10 p.m.

46th & Central

FREE ADMISSION

THINK
GLOBAL
FEST
LOCAL



On September 15, our worlds come together for the first annual Global Fest!

Join us as we celebrate cultures and community through international foods, music, art, and play.

SPREAD THE WORD

Like us on Facebook and share the event!

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter!

@globalfestindy

Visit www.globalfestindy.org

All proceeds to benefit CFI 70.

Have questions or an idea to represent your family's culture or ancestry?

Please contact

Anne Luther-Sander (317-413-6481) or

Laura Greene (317-675-6666)

globalfestindy@gmail.com

(“From Pastor Bob,” continued from page 1)

The building is an important place where we greet visitors, worship, feel the presence of God, have meaningful symbols of God’s grace and love, and a place where we gather to be with each other when our hearts break and explode with celebration. It is a place where we meet the Holy.

What story does our church building tell?

Think about it – Pray about it – Live it

Bob



Day of Caring Needs You!

A reminder that our congregation-wide Day of Caring is only a month away! On Sunday, September 30, we’ll do worshipful work in the community, responding to God’s call to us to serve. To help the project leaders plan our work for that morning and to anticipate how many box lunches to order, we hope you’ll sign up in advance for one of the following projects by notifying Trish in the office (fmhpc@live.com) or Katie Marlowe (marlowekbd@sbcglobal.net), or by signing up at church on sheets that will be available soon:

- Meal preparation at Dayspring Center – Lee Crist and Katie Mathews
- Puppy Pillows/Coburn Place note-writing – Carol Rader, Karen Licht, Janet Clark
- Hearts and Hands of Indiana – Jim Halsmer
- School #70 garden cleanup – Susie and Tom Hacker

We’re promising good weather and lots of fellowship, so let’s get to work making a difference in God’s world!

Our next **Equal Exchange/Fair Trade** order will be placed on Tuesday, September 11. Shopping through our church at Equal Exchange is convenient and makes a HUGE difference in the lives of families around the world. View the complete product list at shop.equalexchange.coop.

Please have your order to Alexis (alexis@fmhpc.org) in the church office no later than Monday, **September 10**.

REPORT FROM YOUR PNC

Your PNC is currently reviewing its third round of submissions from the Presbytery. We continue to seek discernment from the Holy Spirit and have already identified a group of possible candidates from our first two rounds that we have begun to contact with preliminary inquiries. Please keep us and our future pastor in your prayers!

Katie Marlowe, Bruce White, Emily Padgett, Emily Hancock, John Fox, Dave Hughey, Cynn timer Halsmer

Thank you for serving!

Offering:

signupgenius.com/go/30e084da5ae2da64-collecting1

Greeter:

signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48a4a628a4fe3-fmhgreeters

Communion:

signupgenius.com/go/30e084da5ae2da64-communion1

Check the Friday eblast for upcoming serving opportunities.

PWO Calendar of Activities 2018-2019

Board meeting at 10 a.m.
Programs are 11 a.m.
Lunch is at noon

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
Puppy Pillow cutting/stuffing

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
Day of Caring

OCTOBER 14, 2018
Spaghetti dinner after church

OCTOBER 18, 2018
Local Mission Day:
Westminster Neighborhood Ministries

NOVEMBER 8, 2018
Write Thanksgiving & Christmas cards for shut-ins / Puppy Pillows

DECEMBER 13, 2018
Christmas Luncheon:
Home of Karen Licht

JANUARY 2019
NO LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 10, 2019
Sweetest Day after church

FEBRUARY 14, 2019
Puppy Pillow Project

MARCH 1, 2019
World Day of Prayer

MARCH 14, 2019
Puppy Pillow cutting/stuffing

APRIL 11, 2019
Eskenazi Health Baby Shower

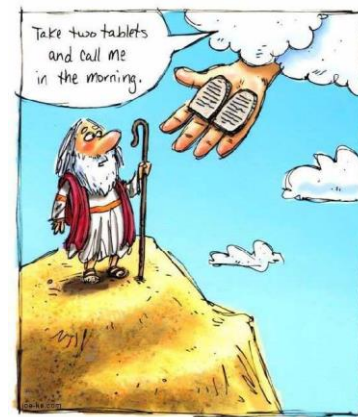
MAY 9, 2019
Decorators' Show House

JUNE 13, 2019
Lunch Out • Details TBA

You're Invited!

Parkview Cooperative Preschool is having a "Give Back Night" at Upland Brewery (4842 N. College) on Tuesday, **September 4**, from 5 to 9 p.m.

A percentage of proceeds from that evening will be donated back to Parkview.



INDY DO DAY 2018

Indy's community-wide days of service are scheduled for **September 27, 28, and 29!**

Last year, more than 23,000 volunteers joined forces to create a better Indy and inspire volunteerism all year long.

Indy DO Day consists of several days when the people of Indianapolis get to know their neighbors, take ownership of their neighborhoods and take care of one another. It's decentralized, ground-up, people-powered community improvement. It's about pride, shared ownership, and stronger relationships. It's about building the most civically-engaged community in the nation where every day is a Do Day.

Consider volunteering for a project or creating a project. <https://indydoday.org/>



The Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, a pioneer and legend in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), died Wednesday, August 8. The Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), issued the following official statement:

The Reverend Doctor Katie Cannon represented the best of contemporary scholarship through her use of "down home" southern African American culture shaped by a strong sense of connections to contemporary womanist and movement theology. Her theological gifts were shaped by humble beginnings in rural North Carolina. As the first African American Woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., she represented the power of faith and love despite the tensions of both race and gender struggles within the denomination and the academy. Her ordination gave rise to a new call understanding in the denomination and the African American community. Katie was a pioneer and witness to the biblical call to make disciples of all nations in a period of gender and racial strife in both the Church and broader society. She dared to believe that an African American woman from rural North Carolina, graduating from the only African American Presbyterian Seminary (Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary) in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), could dare to enter an overwhelmingly

White theological academy and make a difference.

The powerful witness to her work for the Lord is that she told her story without compromise as to how the Lord God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, gave her enlightenment and life. Her quick wit was not to be mistaken as "throw away lines," but grounded in a sense of expressing some hard truths in ways that all could understand. She was a powerful expression of a rural upbringing that was not compromised by scholarly acclaim or ivory tower lectures. Her truth was made plain by her commitment to following Jesus' words, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). Katie now rests in power with all the saints who sought to make the Church a viable expression of God's will for the age to come. Her legacy and life will continue even in death.

To honor her name and her legacy, a scholarship fund has been established for women of color to attend leadership development events. Those wishing to donate towards the scholarship should [click here](#) to donate online or include #EO49991 on the check to designate the donation.

"Katie Cannon had a heart of gold and mentored many women of color, myself included," said Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. "I have been tremendously blessed by her life. She taught us to be radically inclusive and touched

many lives. Though this is a tremendous loss, Katie's imprint is on us. It is her shoulders that we stand on today, she is now among those great cloud of witnesses."

"Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon is an important part of the landscape and contemporary history of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Katie was brilliant and remarkable, and also down-home and humble," shared Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries. "It was easy to talk to Katie and to become her friend. Yet, she also had a way of challenging you to rise to the next level. I will never forget one of her objectives about our quest on behalf of those who are African American, female and clergy — 'to make visible our curious invisibility'. What poet Alice Walker said describing "Womanists" also described Katie, 'willful, serious, loving, and committed to survival of entire people, male *and* female.' Dr. Cannon's remarkable intellect, humor and spirit will be sorely missed."

Cannon was the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and the first African American woman ordained as a minister of Word and sacrament in the former United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She was also a minister member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

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Cannon was recently recognized for her outstanding lifetime contributions to and on behalf of the PC(USA) at the 223rd General Assembly (2018) in St. Louis, where she received the Award for Excellence in Theological Education. The award, which is conferred biennially by the Committee on Theological Education and the Theological Education Fund of the Presbyterian Foundation, is the highest honor in the PC(USA) for those who teach, lead and support theological education.

Cannon, a leading voice in the subjects of womanist theology and women in religion and society, was a renowned lecturer on theological and ethical topics and the author or editor of numerous articles and seven books, including *Katie's Canon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community* and *Black Womanist Ethics*.

Cannon earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina, and a Master of Divinity from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta. She earned her Masters and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

"We join the voices of gratitude for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, and extend our condolences to Dr. Cannon's family and friends," the Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly, elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and the Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, said in a statement. "Though we had not met her personally, we have known her through the people she taught and mentored, and through her impact to the body of Christ. A trailblazer, educator and faithful leader, her example and life journey compel us to serve and to act. Rev. Dr. Cannon was presented the Award for Excellence in Theological Education at the 223rd General Assembly (2018). In a video presented during the award breakfast, she shared some words about her call: 'Teaching is my ministry. I love teaching; to empower; to equip; to set people free; to live into the graces and gifts [the students] have been given.' May we honor her words and life as we mentor and disciple new generations in building the kingdom of God. Que descanse en paz, Dra. Cannon."

The Presbytery of Philadelphia also issued a statement, saying, "While we grieve the loss of Rev. Dr. Katie Cannon, her prophetic presence and pioneering spirit will continue to encourage the saints to press on in their faithful work and public witness as the Church of Jesus Christ called to 'think with our hearts and feel with our brains' (Princeton Theological Seminary Women's Conference, 2017)."

Paradigm Living Concepts

Paradigm Living Concepts is a provider of premier home health, hospice, and palliative care services in Central Indiana. They have invited FMH to learn more about their volunteer needs for their very special programs:

Paradigm Living Concepts is looking for individuals who have a friendly cat or dog. The volunteer would provide comfort to a hospice patient or a senior dealing with loss and grief. If you would like to make a difference and help improve someone's quality of life, please contact Rockea "Rocky" Bell via email at rbell@paradigmlivingconcepts.com or by phone 317-965-4093. We would love to meet you and your furry companion!!!



Paradigm Living Concepts is looking for compassionate volunteers willing to donate their time to provide exceptional end-of-life care to local hospice patients and their families. Paradigm volunteers may serve in a multitude of ways, including offering patient companionship (such as reading a book, engaging in conversation, actively listening by the bedside, playing card games, singing or holding someone's hand).



Volunteers may also provide caregiver/family respite, engage in arts/crafts activities, and assist with special events such as memorial services and veteran pinning ceremonies for our hospice patients and families. If you would like to make a difference and help improve someone's quality of life, please contact Rockea "Rocky" Bell by phone 317-965-4093 or via email rbell@paradigmlivingconcepts.com.

CROP WALK 2018



Walk. Give. Change the world.

Date: October 21

(Look for additional details in upcoming communications!)

crophungerwalk.org

Change the world. One community garden at a time.

Those aren't just **potatoes** in Edulia and Gregorio Vaquera-Galarza's hands... They are the **instruments** of social and economic **prosperity**.

Before, the farmers in their indigenous community in Bolivia barely survived on a diet of boiled corn. Their children were weak from malnutrition.

Today they grow an ample supply of nutritious fruits and vegetables in a community garden. They harvest enough food to feed their families and a surplus to sell in the market. With the income they make, they are able to purchase protein to supplement their diet and buy more seeds for the garden.

Through the CROP Hunger Walk, you are there, investing in Edulia and Gregorio and their smiles are thanks to you!

Just last year, 50,217 global neighbors like Edulia and Gregorio were provided stable sources of nutritious food.

795 million more people in this world are waiting for your help.



\$25
Chickens for a family in Indonesia



\$54
Seeds for three community gardens in Nicaragua



\$130
A pair of goats in Haiti



\$525
A hand-pump well in Myanmar



crophungerwalk.org
888-CWS-CROP



Effective immediately, Pastor Bob McAulay has a new church email address: Bob@fmhpc.org.

(Please delete rmcaulay@fmhpc.org.)

Upcoming Concerts

Christmas Cantata

The Good News Indianapolis Church invites you to their Gracias Christmas Cantata and Christian Leaders Forum on Wednesday, **September 24**, at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Admission is free. The Christian Leaders Forum will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., with the Cantata from 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by September 17 to Pastor Peter Kim, kim99euro@gmail.com if you're interested in attending either event.

Indianapolis Children's Choir

Look for information in upcoming communications on the **October 27** music presentation by the Indianapolis Children's Choir—to be held here at First Meridian Heights!

Indianapolis Suzuki Academy

The Indianapolis Suzuki Academy will perform at First Meridian Heights on **November 3**. Details forthcoming!

MOSAIC FOR PEGGY MCDONALD

To honor her service to her faith and the Presbyterian Church, Peggy McDonald's Memory will be honored through a mosaic made by her friends from Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Designed by the Rev. Laurie Walcott, pastor of Grant County/Jonesboro First Presbyterian Church, the mosaic was presented to the Whitewater Valley Presbytery on August 4. The mosaic will remain on display at the Whitewater Valley Presbytery office, located at the Interchurch Center Building, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis.



Save the date! A church spaghetti dinner will be held after worship on **October 14**. Look for details in upcoming bulletins and the October Newsletter.



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Communion Worship Service, 10am •Youth Group Mtg., 11 to 11:45am, Youth Room	3 LABOR DAY (office closed)	4 •Mission Outreach Team Mtg., 6:30pm, Parlor	5 •Women of Grace, 7 to 8:30pm, Parlor	6	7	8 •Food Pantry, 8:45am •Breakfast in the Garden 8:30 to 10:30am
9 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Worship Service, 10am •Deacons Mtg., 11:15am, Parlor •Youth Group Mtg., 11 to 11:45am, Youth Room	10 •Communications/Marketing Team Mtg., 5:30pm, Parlor •Finance Mtg., 7:30pm, Parlor	11	12 •Messy Church, 5:30 to 7pm, Community Room	13 PWO Puppy Pillows 10am to 1pm, Community Room	14	15 •CFI Global Fest, noon to 10pm •Boy Scouts Troop & Parent Mtg., 10am to noon, Community Room
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Our Mission Statement:

To serve, love and grow in the ever-widening circle of Christ's grace.

Submission deadline for October newsletter is Monday, September 24. Please submit content to the church office at fmhpc@live.com.



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