

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we have committed to being actively engaged in the world to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism, and build congregational vitality. During each of the next three months, we'll highlight one of these focus areas to learn more about our commitment and how we can get involved. This information is provided by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and you can learn more on their website: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25>



Session members and committees are actively thinking through our commitment and seeking to find ways for FPCRO to embody this calling. If you have questions, ideas, or want to learn more about Matthew 25, contact Pastor Emma Nickel at the church.

WHAT IS SYSTEMIC POVERTY?

There are structures in our society that all but guarantee that people living in poverty will stay that way. Systemic poverty refers to the economic exploitation of people who are poor through laws, policies, practices, and systems that perpetuate their impoverished status. Poverty is complex and overlaps with many other social ills and oppressive structures in our society.

- Homelessness is one of the most egregious signs of poverty
- High debt loads and retirement insecurity are also characteristics of poverty in the U.S., a unique situation among developed nations.
- Disenfranchisement of people, including mass incarceration, leads to poverty.
- Conflict, violence, and militarism also contribute to rising rates of poverty.
- Poverty, climate change and ecological injustice are interlocking issues in which environmental ills disproportionately fall on individuals and communities already experiencing other hardships
- Racism, classism, ageism and sexism are well-documented and mutually reinforcing trends.
- Poverty often results from wealth and resource accumulation—and hoarding—by those in power.

THE THEOLOGY BEHIND ERADICATING SYSTEMIC POVERTY

As Reformed Christians, Presbyterians believe that government is God's agent when it comes to the providential care of people. We also believe that creation is entrusted to our care. A crucial part of our worship and mission is to stand together for the common good.

We Presbyterians evaluate any economic system not simply on the basis of the material goods and services it provides, but especially on the basis of its human consequences: what it is doing to, with and for people, particularly the most vulnerable among us. In our tradition, economic behavior, like all behavior, must be subject to moral scrutiny. For this reason, the church must speak to the present economic crisis, to the devastation it has brought, and to the hope to which we bear witness: that, in Christ, a more just order is arising. —“Living Through Economic Crisis,” 219th General Assembly of the PC(USA), 2010

HOW DO WE ERADICATE SYSTEMIC POVERTY?

- **Advocate for better public policies**, including job creation, greater empowerment of workers, family-life balance, a quest for greater accuracy of official measurements of household economic well-being, a stronger social safety net, increased social involvement in poorer communities (such as expanded and enriched public schooling), and increased social inclusion and community empowerment as urged by the 220th General Assembly (2012).
- **Include measures to alleviate poverty as part of our congregational life**, thinking about moving beyond charitable work and taking a closer look at root causes of poverty in our own community.

WORSHIP ON-LINE WITH FPCRO

In this time of staying at home, worship continues in an on-line format. Each week, we are producing a worship service video from home that includes scripture, music, thoughts for kids, preaching, and prayer, and even online communion. Worship God from wherever you are, at anytime you choose!

Access the video each weekend on our website:

www.fpcro.org/home-worship-resources

From there, you can download ideas for kids activities related to the weekly worship themes and copies of the sermon.

Or, watch worship on our Facebook page and share comments with other worshipers: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcro/> (Clicking “like” and/or sharing posts of the church Facebook page is another way to help increase our reach.)



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OF NOTE:

Deaths:

Dorothy "Jean" Drangin, September 5, 2020



Are there any actions, habits, etc., that you've decided need to fall by the wayside as you've reflected on your star word?

OCTOBER SPECIAL DATES

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 4
- Reformation Sunday, October 25
- Reformation Day, October 31



STEPHEN MINISTRY

FPCRO is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay care-givers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.



First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Information packets available

Questions:

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IS YOUR INFO CURRENT?

Please let Sally Gilreath (sgilreath@fpcro.org) know of changes to your contact information so we can maintain current and up-to-date records of your member information.

GIVING THANKS FOR DEPARTING STAFF

The Personnel Committee gives thanks for the years of service of **Gary Moultrup** as assistant custodian and **Randy Jarman**

as chef and food consultant. We wish Gary and Randy well as they retire from their positions at the church! If you would like to contribute to a purse for Gary or Randy, please mark your gift for the 'purse' and note which staff member on your gift. If you choose to make a gift online using our **GIVE button**, choose a Celebration gift and include a memo with this information. The Committee has expressed its appreciation to Gary and Randy on behalf of the church, since we cannot gather to celebrate in the usual way.



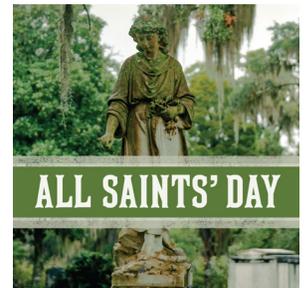
ALL SAINTS DAY

Livestreamed Worship at 10:30 am

On All Saints Day, we'll try something new and have a livestreamed worship service on **Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am**.

This means you can tune in at 10:30 am and the congregation will be 'gathered together,' worshipping from home at the same time. Staff will be gathered in the sanctuary as we pray, read scripture, hear music to praise God and give thanks for the saints in our lives.

The livestream will appear on our church's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcro>. If you do have an account, we encourage you to make comments and interact with one another during the livestream. You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch. If you miss the livestream, you can log on later in the day to watch the service, too. Call the church ahead of November 1 if you have questions.



ANNUAL REPORT

If you are unable to access the church website in order to download a copy of the 2019-2020 Annual Report, please contact the church office and a copy of the report will be mailed to you. (The Annual Congregational Meeting took place on Sunday, September 27, via Zoom.)



FALL SERMON SERIES: “ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE”

What gets in the way of us giving thanks to God? Where do we encounter roadblocks to feeling grateful? This series will follow the Revised Common Lectionary readings and trace feelings and experiences that act as enemies to our gratitude. Starting **September 27** through **October 25**, we will explore Nostalgia, Worry, Entitlement, Greed, and Disappointment. We'll consider how God offers us ways through these experiences and back toward an attitude of gratitude.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is celebrated in a number of denominations to mark our unity in Christ, even in diverse countries and settings. We will celebrate World Communion together on **Sunday, October 4**, in our online service. We'll feature photos and videos of church members partaking of communion at home, an anthem from the Chancel Choir quartet, and special liturgy at God's table to remember our connections amid our diversity.



World Communion Sunday



ELECTION DAY COMMUNION SERVICE ON ZOOM November 3 • 8 pm



This year's election has a lot at stake. But on this important day, we are invited to God's table to declare who is Lord of our lives and that we are bound together in Christ, no matter what worldly divisions seek to tear us apart. Join Pastor Emma on Zoom for a short Communion service to remember these truths. Have your own bread and cup ready when you log in. Use whatever bread, crackers, tortilla, etc. that you have and fill your cup with juice, wine if you're comfortable doing so, or just water. Come to God's table, where we are all one!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665449116>

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting: [us02web.zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665449116)
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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

On September 13, the weather cooperated, and FPCRO held its third outdoor worship service on the Hendrie lawn.



The signs being held up by worshippers in these pictures embody Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

It is with sadness that we inform you we have received a letter of resignation from our tenor soloist/section leader, Curt Peters. Curt has served FPCRO with a significant ministry for over 32 years, and we are blessed to have been the recipients of his gifts.

In his letter Curt states:

“After prayerful consideration of my circumstances and my relationship with the congregation of FPCRO, I have decided that the time has come for me to resign my position as tenor soloist and section leader within the music program of the church. It has been my great privilege to serve the church with my time and talent and I will remember with fondness the many wonderful people within this great congregation who have touched my life over 32 years of service. I am deeply grateful for the many memories I will carry with me for the rest of my life. As I depart my position, I wish the congregation and the leadership of FPCRO the continued manifest blessings of the triune God.”

Staff has expressed their regret to Curt for this decision but understand that this is what he feels is best for him. Curt has asked that we plan no event to mark his tenure at the church and would like to leave the service of the church quietly. He wrote: *“That, after all, is how I entered my service to the church; I sort of slipped in under the radar.”*

We will honor Curt’s request, but if you wish to express your personal thanks to Curt for his memorable music ministry, please contact the church office and we will be happy to provide his address.

We know this news will be difficult to hear for Curt has been so much more than a soloist; he has been a colleague, a mentor, a teacher, and a valued friend of our church family. We pray God’s grace on all of you as we thank God for Curt and his years of service to our church.



Evangelism and Communication

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON RACIAL JUSTICE — LIVING INTO THE MATTHEW 25 VISION

This panel discussion will help us dig deeper into our understanding of race, racism, and racial justice. Kevin Schnieders, Session member, will moderate a discussion among Bob Bruttell (Interfaith activist), Harry Wood (instruction and lifelong activist), and Reina Kimson (Director of HR at EDSI) about their experiences and involvement. The video of the discussion will be released in mid-October. A follow-up discussion is being planned for church members to reflect on what they hear. Look for more details soon!

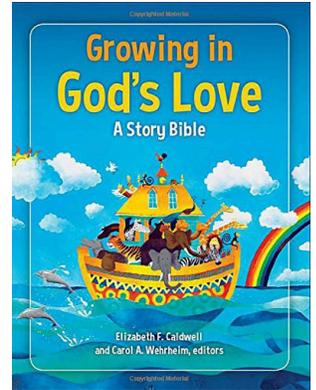


Christian Education

JOYFUL JOURNEYS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our fall Sunday school season has kicked off and is available through the church website at <https://www.fpcro.org/joyful-journeys-sunday-school>. Families will find videos that go with stories in the Growing in God's Love Story Bible they received from the church. There are also resource sheets for each week's lesson.

Weekly lessons are from "Growing in God's Love" using the children's story Bible by the same name. The first unit is "Healing and Miracles." Families can read the story together in their own story Bible and wonder together using the resource sheet. If your family has not received a Bible, please call the church office and Ms. Joelle will be sure you get it.



Sunflowers Christian Preschool



A fun new year of preschool has begun and we are having a great time with new friends and enjoying the routines of our school day. Things are a little bit different, but we are very happy being together. There are a lot of busy activities in the school room and the updated playground is always fun on a sunny day.

October is fire safety month, and keeping safe becomes a topic for our month.

The beautiful autumn colors outside our classroom window come inside as we paint with 'orange' this month. Our three-year-olds are practicing their fine motor skills, learning how to play cooperatively, and doing some wonderful art projects.

Our four-year-olds are jumping into the alphabet, studying one letter per week, as

well as all the other things that make school fun.

Our hallway and classroom are being filled with beautiful artwork. We love displaying them to keep us in the fall mood.

We still have one opening in our three-year-olds class! If you are interested, please call us (248-541-0108 ext. 220) and come visit. We would love to meet you!

Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Heitchue



The Sunflowers three-year-old class.



Sunflowers three-year-old students arriving on the first day of school September 15.



The Sunflowers four-year-old class.

Mission and Benevolence

WHAT IS H.O.M.E.?

H.O.M.E. stands for Helping Out, Mission Edition. We all want to help our community. Often, we just need easy opportunities to do so. FPCRO wants to provide you and your family with those opportunities. On a monthly basis, we will offer a H.O.M.E. bag for you to do a hands on project to help our neighbors. The bag will include some supplies, a list of what else you'll need, an instruction sheet, and a colorful card to understand the "why" behind this particular way of helping out and doing mission together.



to the church on October 30 at the Trunk or Treat, or during office hours anytime before November 3. Sign-up for your bag here: <https://tinyurl.com/y5lmtmx5>. This easy project is great for little hands, as well as non-chefs! Contact Joelle Jarrait with questions.

SERVE ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL – OCTOBER H.O.M.E BAGS

This month, our H.O.M.E. (Helping Out, Mission Edition) bags will invite you to make homemade pet treats for PAAW (Pet Adoption Alternative, Warren) Rescue. We will provide you with some of the ingredients and you'll add a few things from your kitchen at home to bake these easy-to-make treats. Our monthly scripture reflection will remind us of God's love for all creatures. Bags will be available for pick-up or delivery beginning October 18. Return them

On **Tuesday, October 27**, FPCRO has a mission opportunity to serve lunch to the guests at Welcome Inn, located at Berkley Community Church. We will need a few volunteers to prepare and deliver to the Berkley Community Church side dishes and drinks for 25 people. (The cooks at the Berkley Community Church are providing sloppy joes.) We will also need three volunteers to help serve. Other needed items are paper plates, plastic table ware, napkins, and cups for 25 people, delivered to the Berkley Community Church on the day we are serving by 11:30 am. Please let Helen Dusenbury know if you are willing to provide items, or would prepare food or help serve and deliver it to the Berkley Community Church. Contact Helen by email or phone: hdusenbury@gmail.com or 248-417-3044.



Stewardship

PER CAPITA GIVING

In the fall, each member of our congregation is asked to contribute to our Per Capita giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per capita means 'per person.' These gifts help us stay connected as members of the local congregation, our regional Presbytery and Synod, and the national Presbyterian denomination that make up our church as a whole. Not only do we ask our congregation to pledge money to FPCRO each year to pay our staff, care for our buildings and grounds and provide money to reach out to our members and our community through a variety of programs, we ask our members to also contribute to the PC(USA) for the same reasons. Money is needed to maintain mission, staff, and programs that serve the 'larger' church in a wide variety of ways, including helping people in need. Each of us is asked to do our part to make these ministries possible, on a per capita basis. We all share equally in contributing toward the mission of our church.



The Stewardship committee is well-aware of the challenges that currently affect each of us in one or more ways. One of these may be financial. We hope you will continue to commit to being a part, not only of our church, but of the Presbyterian Church as a whole, to the greatest extent possible. This year's per capita amount is \$30.00 for each member. Thank you for your faithfulness.

—Marilyn Sutton and the Stewardship Committee

FPCRO Youth Corn Hole Tournament



On Friday, September 11, FPCRO Youth were on the Hendrie lawn for a friendly corn hole tournament. It was a beautiful afternoon and the youth enjoyed playing corn hole and had some snacks. Toward the end of their time together, they shared how the start of the school year with distance learning was going for everyone. Thanks to Pastor Nickel and Cassie and Sean Coates for facilitating the event!



‘Keep Singing the Matthew 25 Vision’

LIKE A PRAYER, A NEW MATTHEW 25 HYMN ASKS GOD TO ‘SEND US YOUR SPIRIT’ AND ‘SHOW US YOUR WAY’

by Tammy Warren | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — The bold vision and invitation of Matthew 25:31-46 to be the hands and feet of Jesus, serving people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor, is awakening compassionate faith to new possibilities in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Now that faith has been set to music in a new hymn, “Jesus Be With Us,” with text and tune by the Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the Office of Theology and Worship, and singing and musical arrangement by Phillip Morgan, director of music at Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

“The idea to write the hymn came from Phillip,” Gambrell said, explaining that Morgan had asked Gambrell if he had considered writing a Matthew 25 hymn. This question prompted Gambrell to write the hymn and send it to Morgan for his feedback. The following day, Gambrell said, “to my surprise and delight, Phillip sent back this beautiful recording.”

The refrain is based on Matthew 1:23, “and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us,’” and Jesus’ closing words in Matthew 28:20, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the office of Theology and Worship, speaks during the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. (Photo by Rich Copley)

“I wrote the hymn in a ‘gospel’ style because I want Presbyterians to remember that eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism and building congregational vitality is ‘gospel work’ — how we proclaim and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ,” Gambrell said. “My prayer is that the hymn will help congregations and mid councils keep singing the Matthew 25 vision as they worship and work in the world.”

Morgan recognized the need for a Matthew 25 hymn while he was working on long-range music planning for Central Presbyterian Church. He noticed the November lectionary devotes three weeks to Matthew 25: Nov. 8 (Matthew 25:1-13), Nov. 15 (Matthew 25:14-30) and Nov. 22 (Matthew 25:31-46). This led to searching for music to incorporate into worship, and then realizing options were few and far between.

“I fired off an email to David and said, ‘Wouldn’t it be cool if ...’ and hours later there was this hymn in my inbox covering each of the points of Matthew 25,” Morgan said.



Phillip Morgan, director of music at Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, is shown here playing piano at the Presbyterian Center. (Photo by Rich Copley)

As he sat down to play and record it, Morgan accidentally changed a few of the chords, which Gambrell liked better. “So, we’ll call it the work of the Holy Spirit,” Morgan said, “But actually, some of it was an accident of my sight reading.”

Central Presbyterian, a More Light congregation welcoming all of God’s people, has accepted the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Matthew 25 invitation. It seemed only natural, Morgan said, since the church has been working to dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty for more than 30 years, particularly as these areas relate to equity in education. The church is located in one of the poorest ZIP codes in the nation and is across the street from Simmons College of Kentucky, which is among the nation’s registered Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Central Presbyterian Church has been feeding an average of 100 people each Wednesday during its socially distanced walk-through lunch line. The church has discovered that working on issues of racism and poverty has given it new vitality, the first focus area of being a Matthew 25 church.

Morgan is a member of Presbyterian Association of Musicians’ executive board. He has served on faculty and planning teams for the Montreat Music and Worship Conference and has led the choir at Presbyterian Youth Triennium. He is also a member of the Louisville Chamber Choir and has performed as a soloist with the Louisville Orchestra, the Louisville Choral Arts Society and the Kentucky Opera.

Gambrell was co-editor (with Kimberly Bracken Long) of the latest edition of “The Book of Common Worship” (WJKP, 2018) and is author of “Breathing Spirit into Dust: Fifty Hymn Texts” (GIA, 2015) and “Presbyterian Worship: Questions and Answers” (WJKP, 2019).

Visit www.presbyterianmission.org <https://tinyurl.com/y52asxbg> for the original story.

CARES Act Giving

The U.S. Congress has passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, that the president has signed into law. We have received inquiries from our donors on how this affects gifts to First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak and other charitable causes. Here are some tips shared by Central Michigan University's Director of Planned Giving, Ted Tolcher, that might help you as you consider the best way and the best time for your financial support.

New Gifting Opportunity for Non-Itemizers

- If you do not itemize deductions, you may nonetheless take an "above-the-line" deduction for up to \$300 in cash gifts you make to FPCRO this year. The break is available to people who claim the standard deduction, which is \$12,400 for singles or \$24,800 for married-filing jointly in 2020. This provision was inserted specifically to encourage charitable giving this year.

"Unlimited" Deduction for Cash Gifts

- If you do itemize, you may deduct up to the entire amount of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash gifts you make in 2020, without reference to the 60 percent limitation that would otherwise apply. Gifts to donor-advised funds (DAFs) do not qualify. In 2020, a donor who deducts 30 percent of AGI in long-term appreciated property gifts and elects the 100 percent of AGI limit for qualified cash contributions will be able to also deduct up to 70 percent of AGI for qualified cash gifts, a total of up to 100 percent of AGI. If this donor uses all available deduction for qualified cash gifts, that donor will pay no federal income tax in 2020.

The limitation on deductions for cash contributions by corporations has also been temporarily increased, from 10 percent of taxable income to 25 percent.

Relief from the Minimum Distribution Requirement

- The CARES Act impacts owners of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) by providing a temporary waiver of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for 2020, allowing IRA owners of age 72 and older to keep funds in their IRAs and other qualified retirement plans. The decreased value of their portfolios may motivate some people to keep funds in their accounts temporarily, waiting to see what happens in the investment markets. You may still make direct distributions to FPCRO from your IRA, just as before, if it makes financial sense for you to do so and you are called to give in this way.

"Charitable IRA" Rules Unchanged

- The minimum age for making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA – the so-called "charitable IRA Rollover" – is still 70 ½ and the amount limit is still \$100,000. The QCD is still available for 2020 even though RMDs have been suspended. Or you can take distributions from your IRA and make deductible gifts in 2020, with no AGI limitation.

If you are thinking of updating your estate plan, please consider including a gift to FPCRO. You can visit <https://www.fpcro.org/estate-giving> for more information or contact the church office for a Sunburst Stewards packet.

Kari Peruski can give you basic information on giving options to the church based on the CARES Act, however, we encourage you to contact your financial advisor for more individualized information and details.



Take the Climate Care Challenge!

Last month, you were asked to take the Climate Care Challenge pcusa.org/climatecarechallenge. What outward steps can you take? One step is to join with local chapters of organizations involved in the climate movement. Many organizations are holding webinars and meeting via Zoom at this time of COVID-19. This gives you a chance to meet, find out about their goals and programs, and take on something new to help our natural world. Each organization is non-partisan. Here are a few organizations to consider. The best thing you can do is talk about climate change with your friends and family. Get the climate change “gab” going!



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Michigan Sierra Club

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Southeast Michigan SEMG — Jerry Hasspacher, Garrett Dempsey (co-chairs)

<https://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/southeast-michigan>

The Sierra Club is the most enduring and influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States. It includes 3.8 million members and supporters defending everyone’s right to a healthy world. Beginning over 125 years ago, the Sierra Club’s first members, including John Muir, were originally focused on the conservation of California’s Sierra Nevada mountains. Since then, the Sierra Club has evolved into an organization that works to advance climate solutions and ensure everyone has access to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.

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“We protect birds and the places they need” is Audubon’s message. Birds are found everywhere. Audubon’s mission is more urgent today than ever before. Natural habitat and open spaces are disappearing at an alarming rate. Protections for wildlife, natural places, and clean air and water are in jeopardy. By protecting birds, we’re also safeguarding the Western hemisphere’s great natural heritage for future generations, preserving our shared quality of life and fostering a healthier environment for us all.

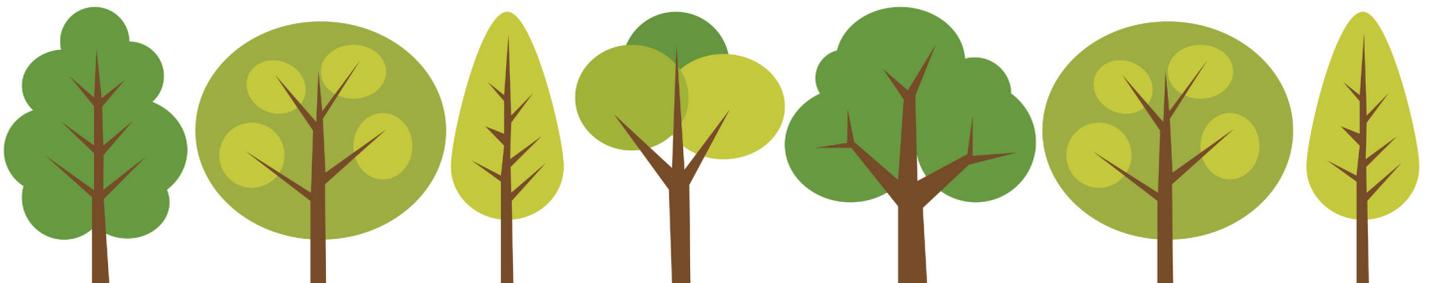


Climate Reality Project



The Climate Reality Project

The Climate Reality Project works to enable people at every level of society to become leaders of change. The Climate Reality Project’s mission is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis. Join in October 10 - 11 for **24 Hours of Reality**, a digital event with climate leaders from across the world. Connect to the event at <https://www.24hoursofreality.org/>.



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FPCRO to Host Community Trunk or Treat!

Our church will host a community Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 30 at 5:00 pm**. Families are invited to walk through the parking lot so children can Trick or Treat at decorated cars. To help make this event a fun success we need your participation!

We are looking for at least 20 families/individuals to decorate their cars and hand out candy. You can sign up through our sign up genius link, <https://tinyurl.com/yxvoughdt> or call the church office.

You can also help by donating candy to pass out. Please bring nut free candy to the church during office hours which are: Mondays, 9:00 am–3:00 pm, and Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 am–1:00 pm. If you have candy to donate and you need someone to pick it up, please call the church office or email Joelle Jarrait at jjarrait@fpcro.org. If you prefer to make a monetary donation to purchase candy, please send it to the church marked “Trunk or Treat.”

For the safety of our community, we will practice safe distancing and wear masks at this event. Those passing out candy will wear masks and gloves. During this time, our policies are guided by the Health Department. Therefore, should the City of Royal Oak cancel city-wide Trick or Treating, our event will not happen. If that is the case, any collected candy will be donated to a local outreach organization.

