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### The 46th Annual Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sunday, June 9, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour is celebrating the 124th anniversary of our elegant, historic neighborhood. This is the tour's 46th year. It is the second oldest tour of its kind in Michigan, preceded only by the Marshall Michigan Historic Home Tour.

In the mid 1950s, the Women's Garden Club held many events in Indian Village. Their Garden Fair was a precursor to the current tour, which began its run in the 1960s and became an annual event in 1973. It is now sponsored by the Historic Indian Village Association (HIVA), the Indian Village Women's Garden Club and the Indian Village Men's Garden Club.

Today, the Indian Village community consists of 352 households, plus six churches, four elementary schools and one nursery school. This historic district includes Burns, Iroquois and Seminole Avenues from East Jefferson running one mile north to Mack Avenue.

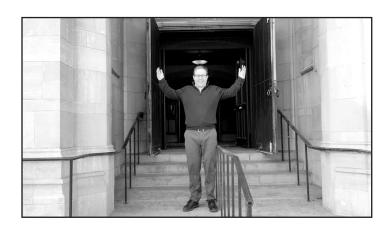
Although there are features on many homes that fall into a distinct architectural style, Indian Village can best be described as eclectic. As is so typical of American independence, owners chose elements from different architectural styles when building their homes. Detroit's most distinguished architects designed Indian Village homes. Among them are Marcus Burrowes, Chittenden & Kotting, Albert Kahn, Louis Kamper, Rogers & MacFarlane, Smith Hinchman & Grylls, Willia.m. B. Stratton, Leonard B. Willeke, George D. Mason, Robert O. Derrick and C. Howard Crane.

The church will be open for ticket sales, tours of the Sanctuary, music from the organ and carillon. We hope you will come and then tour our neighborhood. If you would like to help during the tour for an hour or two, please call the Church Office (313 822-3456).

### Summer Early Morning Worship Begins July 7

From Sunday, July 7 – Sunday, August 25, in addition to our 10:30 a.m. worship service, there is an informal and abbreviated 8:30 a.m. worship service in Zaun Chapel. As in the past, casual attire is appropriate and encouraged.

Join us and get an early start on your Sunday adventures.



### Open Doors, Open Church

On Palm Sunday, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church celebrated the gift of open doors. After many years without use, the narthex doors that open onto Jefferson Avenue no longer worked. Our building manager, Larry Gannan, worked to open them up. As a church that aspires to welcome people with the love of Christ, we can say "our doors are open" and mean it literally. On Sunday morning, feel welcome to come and see some old doors made new.

### Congratulations to our Graduates

Is there a son or daughter, grandchild or spouse missing from this list who is graduating from school (Elementary, Middle School, High School, College or Graduate School) this Spring? Please call the Church Office (313.822-3456) with your information. Don't be bashful! As your church family — we want to share your joy.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. -1 John 3:1

### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

by Matthew Nickel, Pastor

In Biblical Hebrew, there is a word pronounced *hinneh*. It is a word that is used to point to something important or to call attention to something meaningful. In English translations of the Bible, it is translated as *lo!* or *behold!* – it is used to bring emphasis. A word with a similar meaning is used in Greek. It is almost certainly used when God describes that God is doing a something new or different. The prophet Isaiah says Behold, I a.m. doing a new thing! Now it springs forth, do you perceive it? In Revelation, God says, *Behold*, *I make all things new!* 

When God does something new, God desires for us to take note of the experience.

As I look around the church, there are new things happening. People are trying new things. Some Presbyterian Women created a conversation space in Dodge Hall. Have you seen it? Have you sat there to have a conversation? Worship Committee explored the idea of arranging the chapel in a new way for Summer worship. I am looking forward to trying out the space with you. The narthex doors have opened once again bringing a new energy to our sanctuary. The Arab American Orchestra performed with the *Music Series*. It is a new style of music and it was marvelous. The Every Kid Eats Team started a new way of packing food bags for students at Nichols School and now new volunteers are involved. Bible Camp this year will feature a partnership with Camp Westminster to bring Wilderness Camp into the city! A new and exciting Bible Camp.

Behold! Hinneh! Look at what God is doing among the people at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. I know that something new can also be something anxious. What is new can bring uncertainty or feel like something we love is going away. It can also reveal something that is alive deep within us. The Spirit of God brings imagination, friendship, hopefulness, and we respond in so many ways. Yes, by what we do or how we act and even more so in how we cultivate community, support neighbors, share God's love in the many intangible ways that we do. It's a lot more than just open doors or conversations in new spaces. Though I'll celebrate those signs. They remind me what a Spirit filled church that JAPC is. So where in your life is God saying *Behold!*? And how will you respond?

Peace, *Matt* 

### PARISH LIFE

### Garden Volunteers Needed

First the good news! The flowers have been planted, landscaping has been completed and shrubs trimmed.

Now the challenging news! Work begins to keep the dead blooms picked and weeds pulled. If you can give an hour or two, please call Byrum Patrick. He will be happy (and thankful) to assign you a task.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your contributions to One Great Hour of **Sharing** on Palm Sunday. Together, the church contributed \$1,534 to this special offering. The gifts we make to OGHS support the Presbyterian Hunger Program which works to increase access to nutritious food by addressing the root causes of hunger. It supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. When disasters strike, like the Flint Water Crisis, the California Wildfires, or Hurricane Maria that devastated Puerto Rico, gifts to *One Great Hour of Sharing* supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its partners to deliver aid and first responders. The third mission our gifts support is the Presbyterian program for the Self-Development of People. This is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind as the Presbyterian Church (USA). In faith and action, works to empower economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.

### Keep Up Your Financial Commitment

The generosity of church members allows the church to provide meaningful ministries. Your contributions help the church maintain the vital ministries that serve our faith community, our neighbors, and the city. These include Tutoring Tree, music ministries, various Hunger Ministries including a weekend "backpack" ministry providing food for students, space for organizations to thrive in Detroit, like the Community Chorus of Detroit, and opportunities for church groups to gather, connect, and nurture life with one another.



New Conversation Space!

Enjoy the new conversation space in Dodge Hall as you share coffee after church with a friend.









### Deacons Brunch fills Dodge Hall April 14

The *Palm Sunday Brunch*, an annual gathering hosted by your Deacons to thank the JAPC family for its support, provided 75 people with good food and time for great conversation.

Members of the Board of Deacons shopped in advance of the big day, hauling in many dozens of eggs, pounds of sausage, onions, asparagus, cheeses, bread, milk, spices and herbs for the large brunch casseroles. Flowering plants from the Eastern Market decorated colorful tables and transformed Dodge Hall into a beautiful and welcoming dining area.

Coordinators Therese Nolan and Peter McGreevy ignored the brunch sign-up sheet with its 35 names and prepared for a standing-room-only crowd, which even a cold rain could not keep away.

The Deacons will not sponsor a Bake Sale this spring. Our campership fund is healthy and available to youngsters wishing to spend time at Howell Nature Center this summer. Deacons are developing other ways to serve JAPC members and neighbors with programs in the fall.

### New Personal Hearing Receivers

Our sanctuary sounds system recently received an enhancement with new personal hearing receivers. The devices transmit sound on an FM frequency to provide greater access to hear what worship leaders say. If you use the receivers, know that you have the option of bringing your own headphones to plug into the device. JAPC continues to provide greater access to worship and life in the church!

### PRESBYTERIAM WOMEN

The *Presbyterian Women's Connection* is deeply committed to supporting the church, the greater community, and each other. Because we have been blessed by the generous donations of the women who came before us, we had the financial means to commit funds for several items on the church wish list. At a February gathering, the women reviewed the list of needs and voted to purchase an ice maker, commercial refrigerator, parking lot fence, LED lightbulbs, a pulpit light, visitor parking sign and stand, a literature holder, and a new flag. The women of the church are honored to have been able to provide these gifts to our church family.

In addition to addressing some of the internal needs of our church, the *Presbyterian Women's Connection* earmarked money to provide a coffee program for the teachers at Nichols school. Periodically a spread of coffee and snacks are offered in the library to the staff before the start of the school day. It has been a wonderful way to acknowledge their importance, and say thank you for making a difference in the lives of their students. If you would like to assist with this program please contact the coordinator, Jenny King.

The women of the church also purchased art supplies for the students of the Madison Law Academy in Detroit. Please stop by the bulletin board in the hallway and take a look at the thank you notes we received from grateful children.



### PW thanks Nichols teachers

Earlier this year *Presbyterian Women at JAPC* launched a monthly morning coffee event in the Nichols School library for faculty and staff to enjoy before another busy day with students.

### MEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

### Tutoring T.R.E.E.

As we end another season of *Tutoring T.R.E.E.*, it is a great time to reflect on our blessings. This year I saw a 5th grade boy so proud he mastered his multiplication facts. I witnessed perseverance and patience grow in both the students and tutors. I smile when I remember seeing Keith Wicks and other tutors sitting under a table to listen to their students read as part of a reading challenge. I am inspired by the mini-lessons that Coach Mackie and Drummer Hawkins give the students about hard work, practice, and building character through respectful words and actions.

There are many people to thank: the tutors who give two hours a week to these students; the support team who prepares and serves food; office help; the ones who walk the children from Nichols to JAPC; those who donate financially to the program; for the prayers and the many ways that many people give of their time and talent. Thank you.

### Summer Arts Camps registration is now open!

Week of July 8 – 12
Westminster on the Road Bible Camp
9a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (note times this week only)

We are partnering with Westminster Camp of Higgins Lake to offer a week-long, all-day camp which is a blend of outdoor camp and traditional Bible camp with stories, games, crafts, outdoor activities, and lot of camp songs. Students MUST be registered for this camp by June 21. Students must have completed grades 1 up to completion of grade 6.

### Week of July 15 – 19 9a.m. – 12 noon College for Creative Studies workshops

College for Creative Studies will once again offer two workshops: one for grades 2-4 and one for grades 5-7. Games and lunch are also included in our fun-packed morning camp.

### Week of July 22 – 26 9a.m. – noon Drumming with Butter Hawkins

We are very excited to partner with Butter Hawkins in teaching basic drumming and having fun with music and rhythm. Crafts, games and lunch are also included in this morning camp.

All camps are \$20 per child per week. Reduced tuition is available upon request. Register by contacting Kathy Chateau, 313-822-3456 or *kathyjapc@comcast.net* 

### CHURCH SCHOOL

We will end the Church School season on *Pentecost* Sunday, June 9, with intergenerational Spirit activities during coffee hour which will include parachute games and a Spirit-themed take home windsock craft. Join us as we celebrate how God's Spirit breathes and moves within us. Nursery through 1st grade is available year round.

### Summer Bible Camp

We have an exciting opportunity for all children who have completed 1st through 6th grades. We are partnering with Westminster Camp of Higgins Lake to present *Bible Camp on the Road*. This is a one week, all day camp which combines outdoor camp activities with Bible camp stories, crafts, songs, and games.

This camp runs Monday through Friday, the week of July 8 from 9a.m. – 4:30pm. Students MUST register by June 21. The cost for the entire week including lunch is \$20.

Many volunteers will be needed for supervision of activities and food prep. Please contact Kathy for details of how to volunteer at 313-822-3456 or kathyjapc@comcast.net

### JAPC Hosted Wayne State Students

From March 3 – 7, our church hosted students from Wayne State University for their Alternative Spring Break program through the Dean of Student's Office. The goal of this university program is to "facilitate a greater appreciation for the City of Detroit. Through volunteer service, learning experiences, and cultural awareness, Alternative Spring Break hopes to dispel many of the negative stereotypes attached to Detroit."

Fifty-three students called JAPC their home base each evening as they reflected on experience of service and learning about urban issues in the city. At the end of the student's time at JAPC, the students wrote a letter thanking the church for their hospitality. As the students were leaving, Pastor Matt reflected on the gratitude and maturity of the students. "They were engaged in learning about the city and people active in leading new possibilities here. They were respectful of the church, stunned by the beauty of the architecture, and grateful for the kindness and hospitality of the church in hosting them." They were excited to learn that the church is as committed to the city as they are.

While JAPC hosts a few church mission groups each summer, hosting people from our own city was a new experience. The students have high hopes for the city of Detroit and are excited to consider how they might be part of the life of as students and following graduation.

### OUR MINISTRY IN MUSIC

### From the Loft

by Stephen Warner, Music Director

This last month, we started *Holy Week* with the sight of Notre-Dame de Paris' roof burning before our eyes. I think for many people, this event created an existential moment. For so many, it was a place we had gone to see, or a place we were going to go see. As a structure and as an organization, it had held witness to nearly half of the span of Christianity and all the passing of culture, politics and society in that time in Western Europe. It also has born witness to the essential birth of Western music and, more recently, played host to one of the creative centers of organ and church music.

Leonin and Perotin were two musicians who worked at the cathedral just as it was being built. They developed some of the early advancements in a method called "organum" where new lines were sung to decorate chant tunes. These melodic and rhythmic devices would grow into the Motet and would lay the groundwork for developing counterpoint, or the art of writing the movement of voices in relationship to each other.

To many current musicians, it is the place where Louis Vierne played and the organ on which he improvised and composed the bulk of his music. The organ is among one of the most heard instruments in the world. The afternoon masses and recitals in the summer are packed with tourists. The

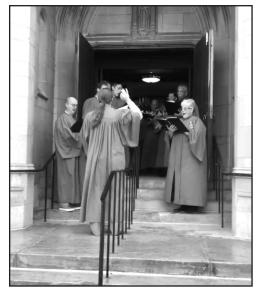
instrument is largely that of Cavaille-Coll, the builder who defined the "French Romantic" sound that inspired organist/composers like Vierne, Widor and Franck. The instrument, however is in a case that is from the 18th century and some of the pipework is also repurposed from that instrument. In fact, the organ was spared during the revolution because the organist Balbastre, was clever enough to regularly improvise and compose music based on patriotic tunes. (Organ pipes, as a lead-tin alloy, were particularly handy to melt down to cast bullets.)

One colleague of mine, Joe Balestreri at Blessed Sacrament, aptly referred to Notre Dame as like every church organist grandmother. It was the place we all wanted to go to feel encouraged and challenged. Notre-Dame was the first thing I laid eyes on upon emerging from the Underground coming from the airport at the start my blessed month in France in

2001. I remember saying to myself, "Well, there you are..." It was a real reverie, slowly wandering beside it and enjoying how the stonework played out in morning sun while on my way to order my first "Pain au Chocolate." I was fortunate enough to enjoy the hospitality of the organist Oliver Latry (along with about a dozen other organ pilgrims) in the organ loft during the 6p.m. mass on Bastille Day. Experiencing his improvised Processional and Sortie was a revelation. French organists in larger churches improvise most of the service music since they claim there is no way to be sure about the timing otherwise. The sound of full organ with the chamades or horizontal trumpets in the loft was a life

changing experience! Ironically, I usually describe these stops and "breathing fire!"

The nave is a space that makes you feel taller and also stretched. It allows you to feel a connection to souls that came and worshiped and struggled and sought peace for centuries. The timbers that made up that roof probably had their lifespan tripled fulfilling their sacred duty as a part of that roof truss. It may just be a building, and God's church isn't a building, but it somehow made you a better, more connected human to be there. Perhaps that is also the existential struggle. It is a great comfort to me that this place has always been there and nearly everyone has been there. Perhaps that is not living in real faith.



The Chancel Choir sings through the newly re-opened front doors on Palm Sunday.

Church organists and organ builders breathed a collective sigh of relief with the news that the main organ in the church escaped the fire with almost no real damage. So far the diagnosis has been "only dust." The small choir organ in front, however, has significant water damage.

On Sunday, June 2, our choir will perform the *Kyrie* from *Vierne's Solemn Mass* in worship in tribute to Notre-Dame.

Stars of the Future! On Sunday, June 2 at 4:30 p.m., we will welcome back the *Stars of the Future* for the final installment of our Jazz at JAPC series. The concert will feature combos of young musicians from the area combining under the mentorship of Marian Hayden. This concert is always an exciting event and the energy the youth bring to the program is palpable! Please come and bring a friend for this exciting afternoon of music!

### **JUNE 2019**

# JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School	27 Memorial Day Church Closed	28 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	29 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	30 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	31 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	1
2 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Stars of the Future Concert 4:30 p.m.	3 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. PW Bible Study 7:30 p.m.	4 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	5 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Bible & Brew 7:00 p.m. (City Kitchen)	6 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	7 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	8 Indian Village Home & Garden Tour 10 a.m 5 p.m.
9 Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Indian Village Home & Garden Tour 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.	10 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Finance 4:30 p.m. (Off-site)	11 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	12 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Deacons 7:00 p.m.	13 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	14 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	15
16 Music Sunday Father's Day 10:30 a.m. Worship	17 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	18 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	19 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	20 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	21 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	22
23 10:30 a.m. Worship	24 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	25 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Presbytery Meeting At JAPC 4:00 p.m.	26 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	27 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	28 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	29
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### Welcome to Larry Gannan

The church welcomes Larry Gannan who will act as our new Building Manager. During the week, you will see him around the church two or three days a week. Larry will be working with the Facilities Committee to manage maintenance, repairs, and contractors who do work so our facility remains in good working order. Larry brings significant experience as a contractor with knowledge of historic restoration and a variety of mechanical systems. It is exciting to welcome him. Please introduce yourself when you have the opportunity.

### Keeping in Touch

Watch the Sunday Bulletins, read JAPC E-Notes or check our website *www.japc.org* for activities. The next issue of *The Calendar* will be published in early fall.

### Church Register

### **DEATHS**

Marilyn Masurat 12/30/18

Jean Fugua 2/24/19

Betty Scott 2/26/19

JoAnn Renfro 2/26/19

Pat Sawyer 3/19/19

Bob Berg 5/8/19

### WEDDINGS

Laura Bonhard & John Gallien (non-members) 5/4/19