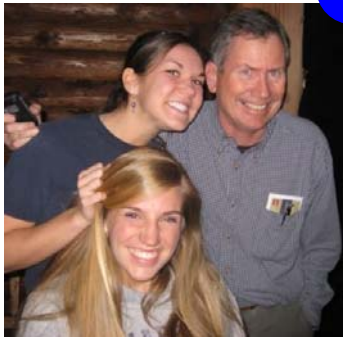


First Presbyterian Church Scrapbook



Programs and Activities for 2009-2010



A Welcoming Home



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Dear Friends,

We feel honored by your having chosen to visit First Presbyterian Church, and we invite you to prayerfully consider making this congregation your church home.

This body of Christian people is a family, while also being an historic church with a long tradition of community involvement. Christ is the one to whom we seek to conform ourselves, and by the grace of God we are hopeful that together we may grow in our maturity as modern day disciples. Programs are available for all ages and stages of people's lives. Please come join us!

Bill McCoy
Bill McCoy
Pastor



**Worship takes place on
Sunday mornings at
8:45 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.**

During the summer,
from Memorial Day to Labor Day,
worship is at 10:00 a.m.

Homebound Communion is available
on the Sunday afternoons that the sacrament
is celebrated at First Presby.
Talk with any of the staff.



Welcome to First Presby!

Helpful Information

Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 a.m., between the 8:45 and 11:00 worship services.

Child care is offered during Sunday morning worship and Sunday School in Rooms E-108, 114, and 112.

Child care on Wednesday nights is from 5:00-6:00 and 6:30-8:00.

The church offices are open daily

from 8:00-4:00, except for lunch from 12:00-1:00. Stop by and we'll be glad to show you around. Telephone: 304-343-8961.

Parking: Parking lots are behind the church buildings off Leon Sullivan Way and Kanawha Boulevard, and on Virginia Street in the middle of the block past the church (both sides of the street).

Parking on Sunday may also be available across Leon Sullivan Way.

Church Buildings: Abbreviations are often used for the Activities Building (such as A-201) located on the corner of Leon Sullivan Way and Kanawha Boulevard; and for the Education Building (such as E-310) which is attached to the Sanctuary Building and consists of four floors of classrooms. (See map on back cover.)

The church newsletter is issued monthly. Call the church office, 304-343-8961, to receive the newsletter by mail. The newsletter is also posted on the church's web site, www.firstpresby.com.

Weddings and Baptisms are scheduled by calling the Pastor's Administrative Assistant at 304-343-8961, ext. 117. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

Dining Room: We have many opportunities to share meals as a church family during the year. If possible, we ask that you make a reservation for each event. Lunch and Dinner Prices: \$6.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child, and 3-year-olds and under are free. The family maximum is \$20.00. First-time visitors eat at no charge!

The Sanctuary and Chapel are open daily for individual prayer.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You are welcomed and encouraged to become a member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. All who believe in Jesus Christ and wish to become His disciples are welcome.

Membership Orientation Classes are offered for persons considering membership or for those who want to know more about Presbyterian beliefs. You will learn more about the Christian faith, the history of First Presby, church government, and important locations on the church campus. You do not have to attend this class to become a member, nor does this class obligate you to join, although we hope you will! The first of the quarterly classes will start on September 13, at 9:45 a.m. Additional classes are held throughout the year. Watch the newsletter and your email for details.

For more information call Robin Harlow at 304-343-8961, ext. 138, or email robin@firstpresby.com.

For information about membership, simply meet a pastor at the communion table after Sunday worship.

If you are a newcomer to First Presby, we hope that you have already received a warm welcome and that you will soon consider this your church home.

Here you will find new friends and also find a place where your gifts and interests may be used to the fullest.

From uplifting worship services to church dinners to classes and activities, we want you to know that there is a special place for you here.

Although the church building is just bricks and mortar, the real story of First Presby is one of 190 years of work, witness, and ministry to the city of Charleston. We will, by God's grace, continue to be a faithful witness to Christ in the center of this city.

The Session welcomes newcomers into membership every Sunday after the worship service in these ways:

Letter of Transfer

Reaffirmation of Faith

Profession of Faith

Profession of Faith and Baptism

Congregational Care Ministries

First Presby is a church that cares.

We care about our community, the world we live in, and one another. In the New Testament Church, deacons were chosen from among the congregation to care for its members. Our Board of Deacons coordinates our caring ministries for one another. Below you will find a sample of First Presby's caring ministries.

Whether you have a need that we may respond to, or you would like to serve in one of our caring ministries, please contact our associate pastor for congregational care, Jim Roberts, at 304-343-8961, ext. 118, or email jroberts@firstpresby.com.

Parish Network: Each deacon is assigned to a geographical parish of First Presby, providing care and communication to the members of his/her parish. Every First Presby member is assigned to a parish.

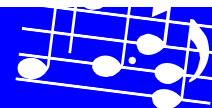
The **Care 'n Casserole** team makes and delivers food for those experiencing grief and death in their families or during times of illness, a new birth, or other special circumstances.

The **Chicken Soup** team gathers at the church periodically to make and deliver delicious chicken soup for the tummy and the soul to persons experiencing difficulties or just need the soothing support that this ministry provides. Entire families enjoy the fellowship of gathering around the stove in the church kitchen to make the soup.

Stephen Ministry is special one-on-one pastoral care for persons with special needs and situations. Stephen Ministers, trained as good listeners, are ready to put their care into action.

Along with... Prayer Chains, Parish Nurses, and more!

Music Ministry



The Music Program offers opportunities all ages to praise God through singing or playing various musical instruments.

There are no auditions! All of our music programs are open to everyone, regardless of church membership. We strive to develop and use whatever musical gifts we have to glorify God in worship and in rehearsals with one another. The musicians of First Presbyterian Church welcome you!



Folk harp players-Lyres Club: No prior musical experience is necessary; instruments are available through the church (rent-to-own).

Learn to ring bells with the **Capella Bell Choir**.

Geneva Choir offers anthems and provides leadership for congregational singing for Sunday's 11:00 a.m. worship.

The **Worship Team** provides vocal and instrumental leadership. This includes guitar, mandolin, banjo, violin, percussion, keyboard, and even musical saw. There is room for your voice and your instrument, too!

In June, be part of the **Family Choir**. We meet at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a simple anthem for worship. Parents, children, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and friends sing together for God.

Summer Music Camp: Children of all ages try out bells, Orff instruments, and more!

Join us for the **Worship and Music Conference** at Montreat, NC, June 20-26, 2010. Start by adding this to your calendar and tell us that you are interested. All ages are welcome.

For further information, call Director of Music Mary Odin at 304-343-8961, ext. 137 or email modin@firstpresby.com.

Preschool Children

All children are welcome in worship!

If you choose, child care during worship is available for infants and preschoolers, Rooms E-108, 112, and 114.

During the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45, infants and toddlers experience the loving arms of God as they are nurtured in the first-floor Rooms E-108 and 114.

Two- and three-year olds meet on the second floor of the Education Building, E-217.

Four- and five-year olds meet in E-112.

During the week the church is filled with children!

Our Preschool Program provides caring Christian nurture and opportunities for early growth for children one year (and walking) through age four. Classes start in September and continue through May. In addition, we are collaborative partners with Kanawha County Schools offering WV Pre-K classes for four-year-olds. Early drop-off and after-school care until 2:00 p.m. are available options. As a vital part of Christian Education at First Presby, parent education programs are offered throughout the year. The Preschool Program is open to all members of the community. For information about the Preschool, contact Ginna Taylor at 304-343-8961, ext. 128, 304-419-3071, or email: ginna@firstpresby.com.



Elementary Children

Covenant Kids: Dynamic and Bible-based

On Sunday mornings at 9:45, elementary age children gather in the Chapel for songs, prayer, offering, and a Bible memory verse. Workshops such as art, music, temple studies, drama, and cooking that reinforce the Bible verse and story follow on the third floor of the Education Building. At 10:45 children return to the Chapel to meet their families.

Fall Elementary Retreat! Join other children from around the Presbytery of West Virginia at the Bluestone Conference Center for a terrific weekend September 18-20, 2009.

For details contact Barbara Hopta at 304-343-8961, ext. 127, or bhopta@firstpresby.com.



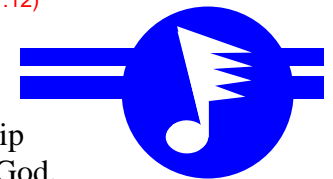
Two hundred sandwiches?

Of course we can! Covenant Kids make sandwiches for Manna Meal and cookies and cards for the Fellowship Home as part of their outreach on a Sunday morning in December.

*In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.
(Matthew 7:12)*

Choirs for Children

During the school year the choirs meet on Wednesdays to practice. They sing in worship once a month, offering their special gifts to God.



Cherub Choir (grades K - 2) meets on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00, in the Susie Early Room (Sanctuary Building) near the playground.

Cathedral Choir (grades 3 through 6) meets on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00, in Room 305 of the Education Building. In addition to training young voices, this choir offers students the opportunity to accompany themselves using choirchimes and Orff instruments.

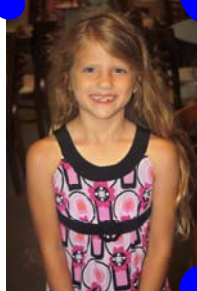
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Family Activities

Families enjoy time together while deepening their faith, serving God and growing in the Spirit.

Contact Barbara Hopta at 304-343-8961, ext. 127, or email bhopta@firstpresby.com for more details.

- **Sept. 18-20, 2009: Elementary Retreat** at Bluestone along with children from around the Presbytery of West Virginia.
- **Sept. 27: Preparation for Communion Workshop**
Children in kindergarten and first grade learn about the sacrament of Communion as they participate in a parent/child workshop. They are welcomed to the Lord's Table with an understanding that grows as they continue to grow.
- **Oct. 11: Trip to the Corn Maze** in Milton.
- **Oct. 24: Crafts and fun** at the Global Marketplace.
- **Oct. 28: The Fall Festival** follows Wednesday Connections supper. Wear a costume and join the fun. Cake walk and games galore guarantee this annual event will be a treat for all!
- **Dec. 6: The Advent Workshop,** 9:45 a.m., encourages our creativity through art, crafts, drama and song as we prepare for the coming of Christ.
- **Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Tableau:** Young children lead 5:00 worship and dress as one of the characters in the Christmas story. The church family embraces this long held tradition of First Presby's Christmas Eve Tableau.



More Family Activities

- **March 28, 2010: Easter Egg Hunt:** Whether indoors or outside, the annual Easter Egg Hunt (held on Palm Sunday afternoon) is a joy-filled feast of fun activities with *many* eggs to find!
- **Summer Vacation Bible School** includes all ages as we travel back in time to the days of Jesus and the early Christian church. It's an exciting week with a marketplace for grinding grain, sampling herbs, cooking, crafting and more. Participants, young and old, come together as tribes or families. Actors roam the market, bringing everyone into the stories. Outdoor fun, music, and more!
- **The Chicken Soup Ministry** serves others who need some special care. Begun in 2008, families come to the church kitchen to make chicken soup and gift cards. Everyone can participate. The majority of the soup is then frozen to be delivered later as needed.
- **May 9, 2010: Children's Sabbath** is a time for elementary children to lead in worship by reading scripture, singing, writing prayers, ushering, and receiving the offering.



Youth Ministry



Sunday Mornings at 9:45

September - May.

Youth and their adults leaders use a variety of resources to focus on who they are as Christians and what the Bible has to say about living the Christian life along with current issues. **Sixth and seventh grade** meet together in Room E-406, **eighth grade** has its own class in Room E-405, and **9-12th grade** join together in the Youth Lounge, ground floor of the Activities Building.

For First Presbyterian Church, eighth grade is the year of Confirmation. It is a memorable time for families and for the church. Our young people are guided through the year and encouraged to examine their faith through Bible study, participation in worship, service to the church and community, and fellowship.

Weekly Youth Groups September-May

Sunday night schedule:

Middle School Youth	4:30-6:00
Youth Supper	6:00-7:00
High School Youth	7:00-8:30

Special events occur throughout the year. Contact Claire Butler at 304-343-8961, ext. 119 or email youth@firstpresby.com for details on current plans.

Boy Scout Troop 5 has a long tradition with First Presby. Boys age 11 and older are invited. Contact First Presby member and Scoutmaster Blair Taylor for more information, 304-345-9960.



Music Opportunities for Youth

Youth with a musical interest are welcome as part of Capella Bell Choir, Geneva Choir, and Worship Team. Contact Mary Odin at 304-343-8961, ext. 137, if you have an interest in music or play a musical instrument.

Highlights for Youth 2009-2010

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept. 13 marks the start of Sunday Church School at 9:45 a.m. Both Youth Groups start meeting on Sunday evenings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle School at 4:30 Youth supper at 6:00 High School at 7:00 The 8th Grade Confirmation picnic will be Sunday afternoon Sept. 20, at Coonskin Park.
October	High School Youth Mission Weekend in WV, Oct. 2-4 Confirmant-Mentor Retreat, Corn Maze; Church Fall Festival
November	High School Presbytery Retreat at Bluestone, Nov. 6-8
December	Caroling; Christmas Party and Adopt-a-Family project
January	Middle School Ski Trip to Winterplace, Jan. 9
February	Souper Bowl of Caring, Feb. 7 High School Ski Trip to Canaan, Feb. 19-21
March	Middle School Presbytery Retreat at Cedar Lakes, March 12-14
April	Festival of Faith Youth Track, March 27; Confirmation Sunday
May	Senior Recognition Sunday; End-of-Year Youth Celebration
June	Montreat Conferences in North Carolina: <i>We have secured housing for two weeks:</i> Youth Conference, June 13-19 (rising 9th through graduating seniors); and Worship and Music Conference, June 20-26 (for all ages). Mission Trip to Nicaragua June 12-17, 2010.
July	Massanetta Middle School Conference

Other events are planned as the year progresses.

For more information, call Claire Butler, Associate Pastor for Youth at 304-343-8961, ext. 119, or email youth@firstpresby.com.

Youth Ministry Continued

Mission Work-Camp

Plans are under way for a trip to Nicaragua June 12-19, 2010. Don't miss being part of this exciting and life-changing opportunity. High school youth and adults are invited to talk with Claire Butler about potential involvement! Call 304-343-8961, ext. 119, or email youth@firstpresby.com.

A Full Calendar of Upcoming Youth Retreats:

- High School Retreat, Bluestone, WV, Nov. 6-8, 2009
- Middle School Ski Trip, Jan. 9, 2010
- High School Ski Weekend, Feb. 19-21, 2010
- Middle School Retreat, Cedar Lakes, WV, March 12-14, 2010
- High School Youth Conference, Montreat, NC, June 13-19, 2010
- Worship and Music Conference, Montreat, NC, June 20-26, 2010
- Youth Triennium, Indiana, July 20-24, 2010
- Middle School Conference, Massanetta Springs, VA, in July 2010

Summer Camp: Bluestone Conference Center in southern West Virginia hosts camps for children and youth. For more information visit www.bluestonecamp.com.

Sports Ministry

Basketball, volleyball, exercise, and roller skating are all part of our ministry at First Presby.



In the Activities Building you will find a full-sized gym. Basketball teams start with kindergarten children learning the game and continue through high school. In the Recreation Room we have exercise and aerobic classes, and roller skating. Interested in indoor soccer or ballroom dance classes? Give Jim Buckalew a call to learn more about sports and recreational activities at First Presby: 304-343-8961, ext. 114.

Adults enjoy basketball more informally weekdays at noon and evenings. Volleyball and softball teams are additional great activities! Summer basketball camp is offered for elementary school children.

Adult Bible Study

Christian Education is a high priority at First Presby. On Sunday mornings adults may choose from ten different Sunday School options.

Our classes offer a mix of scripture-based discussion, current event topics, and traditional studies. Most start with a social/coffee time around 9:45 a.m. Rooms in both the Education Building and the Activities Building are used. A current schedule of classes with locations and topics is available in the pew racks, or feel free to ask any staff member for directions and information.

Small groups meet for study during the week.

- Contemplative Prayer meets Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruffner Room.
- Scripture preview of the upcoming Sunday's scripture text meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., at Shoney's on Kanawha Boulevard (food purchase is optional).
- Bible study topics are explored on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room A-201.
- Knitting Into The Mystery (or crochet) meets on the 4th Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room E-406. Through knitting and prayer the group reaches out to those in hurting situations. Work on your project or on a group project. Beginners welcome. Supplies provided.
- Lenten Growth Groups use a variety of approaches to explore faith during the weeks prior to Easter. (Watch the web site and newsletter for details.)
- Men's Group meets on Friday mornings for breakfast and book study at 7:00 a.m. September through May, in the church Dining Room. Contact Bill McCoy at 304-343-8961, ext. 116, for information.
- Our Dads Group for stay-at-home dads meets while the preschool is in session on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Library. Contact Tom Daugherty at 304-346-6356, to learn more about this group.

Fellowship

Our weekly fellowship event is **Wednesday Connections** — a church supper for all ages in the dining room at 5:45, September through May. Home cooked meals are \$6/adults, \$3/children, and children three-and-under eat free. Your first supper with us is at no cost!

After-supper fun includes the Game Room with pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball, and roller skating in the Recreation Room. Watch the bulletin announcements for other scheduled skating times.

Periodically we have covered dish lunches in the Dining Room after Sunday worship. In the summer join us for fellowship and goodies on the lawn after worship.

Presbyterian Women



All women are invited to monthly Bible studies and luncheons of the Presbyterian Women.

Seven different study groups, called Circles, meet from September through May. This year we will be studying “Joshua: A Journey of Faith.”

There is sure to be a study group to fit your schedule! This is a wonderful way to meet people, make friends, and grow your faith and understanding of the Bible.

Give Suzanne Meyer at 304-965-1573, or Becky Smith at 304-344-9538, a call for meetings days, times, and locations.

Stewardship

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. –Matthew 6:21

Stewardship is defined by Merriam-Webster as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” The Old Testament teaches us that God owns everything and has entrusted the management of His resources to us. In the New Testament Jesus calls us to become wise and faithful stewards, to be responsible and accountable for both material and spiritual things—our money, gifts and life.

This booklet offers many opportunities for you to give of your time and talents to further the kingdom of God here on earth. Giving of our material goods is also a worshipful response to God’s ownership of all things. God tells us to give cheerfully from a willing and obedient heart. Our gifts to God should come from our first fruits, not our leftovers. How much should we give? Jesus said much is required from those to whom much is given, for their responsibility is greater. –Luke 13:48.

Giving faithfully involves planning. You may begin to give or increase your giving by reviewing (or creating) your budget. Reducing your debt or living a simpler life style may provide you the freedom to offer more to God. Planned giving utilizing bequests, life insurance, appreciated assets, annuities and life estates may supplement current giving.

Giving involves prayer. Ask God to help you give cheerfully out of love, not obligation. Ask Him to give you a greater understanding of the gospel, a greater love for Him, a greater love for other people, and a place of service in the kingdom.

Please contact our Business Administrator, Jackie Lilly at 304-343-8961, ext. 121, or Jackie@firstpresby.com, to learn more about stewardship.

**Growing
and serving
Christ
together.**

Community Ministry

Serving the community for 190 years!

We have been instrumental in starting Kanawha Valley Fellowship House, Rea of Hope, Daymark, Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center, the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, Covenant House, and Shepherd's Center of Charleston.

We welcome your participation as we serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. Our booklet *Opportunities to Serve* highlights many community organizations that can use volunteers. Contact person: Sue Webster at 304-343-8961, ext. 139, or Sue@firstpresby.com.

Here are some ways that you may serve others:

- Serve meals at Manna Meal, Ronald McDonald House, Sojourners Shelter, or Giltinan Center.
- Volunteer at Covenant House's Clothing Closet or Food Pantry.
- Mentor young people with Literacy Volunteers, Read-Aloud, East End Resource Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, or Oakwood Terrace.
- Drive for Meals On Wheels or HospiceCare.
- Help furnish and maintain homes through Daymark, Covenant House, or the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal.
- Participate in the Offering of Letters to those who make decisions affecting the poor, elderly and disadvantaged.
- Support our global mission work through prayers and letters to our mission workers. Names and addresses are available.
- Participate in the "Global Marketplace," Oct. 21-25, 2009, through planning and by purchasing fair trade products.
- You can help feed the hungry with donations through First Presby's joint effort with Panera Bread's "End of Day Dough Nation Program." Delicious bakery items are available on Sundays after 11:00 worship.
- Purchase fair-trade coffee, chocolate, tea, and other items through the Presbyterian Coffee Project- available weekdays and Sunday mornings.



Mission Workers

Carl Agsten, Jr. and Dr. Leslie Clay are our new mission workers in Nicaragua as of September 2009. We look forward to learning more about this country and its people, and hope to send a mission team to Nicaragua during June 2010.

Rev. Dr. Arthur and Sue Kinsler have served in Korea for more than 30 years. Sue assists with a sheltered workshop for people with disabilities, runs a program to feed young children in North Korea, and helps with medical needs. Art, now retired, continues to volunteer as a PC(USA) financial representative in Korea, teaches college, and preaches.

Matthew McKinnon recently became the coordinator of Republic House with Aslan Brazilian Beneficent Association (ABBA). Republic House is home for five boys/young men who cannot return to their homes. He and his wife, Simone, continue their special ministry to street children in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as they prepare to move back to New Jersey in 2010.

Jolana and Stefan Nather minister to Roma children and families in Banska Bystrica in the Slovak Republic through the **Hope for the Children** program. This mission brings the gospel to at-risk social exiles. Sports, nutrition, hygiene, and literacy programs join with Bible study and music in forming a new Christian community.



First Presby also supports the Presbytery of West Virginia's work with its sister presbytery in Nyeri, Kenya, and other local and national projects.

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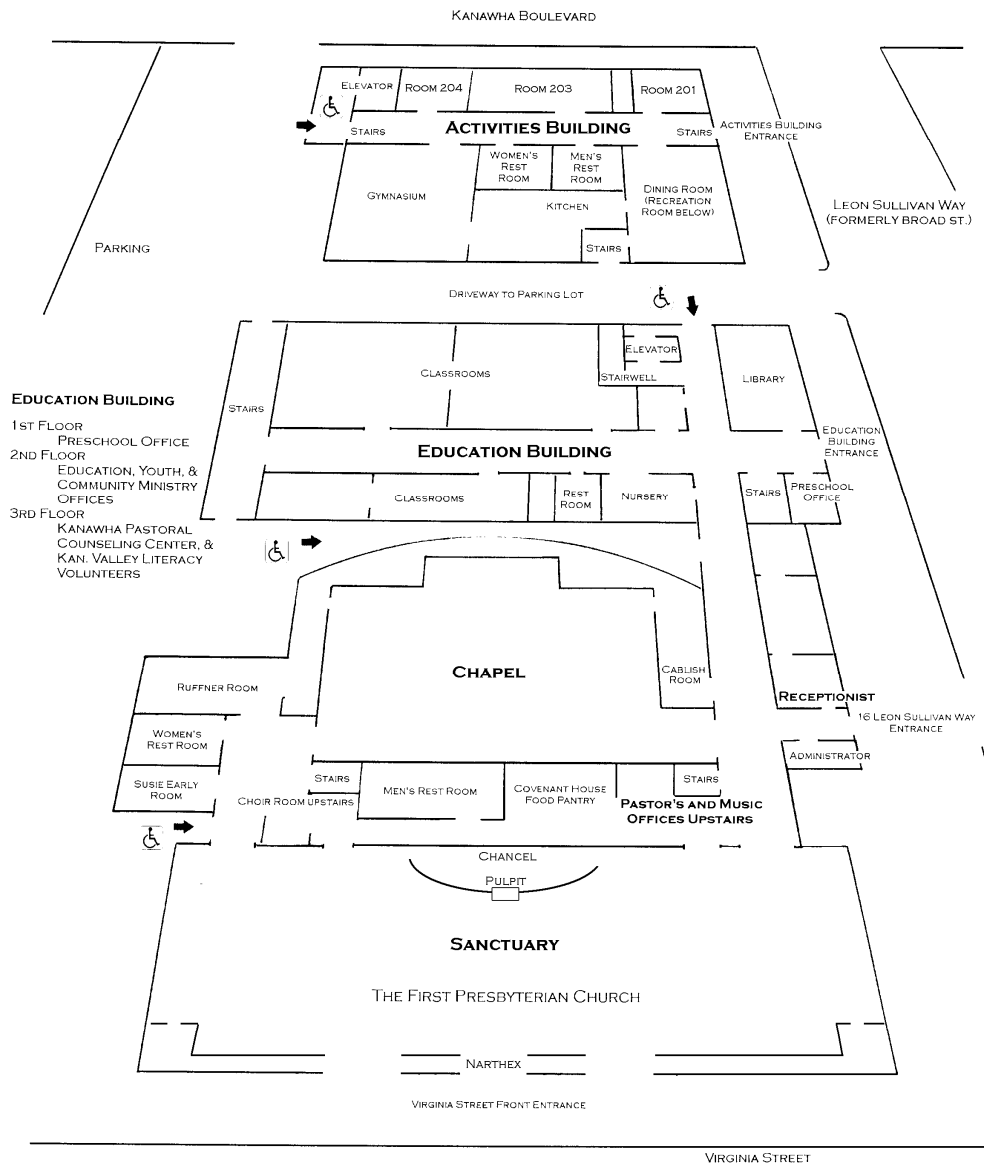
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