



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
January 2013 Newsletter



"The Story"

This journey takes us to the manger, where we behold the "Lord of Glory", "God with us."

Jan. 6th ~ Chapter 15

Please join us on our journey:

Sundays- 9am, Mitchell Hall
Wed Evening- 6:45pm S. Parlor



Come share the fun at our exciting talent night event! A main dish will be provided for dinner, but bring a side dish or dessert to share... or just bring yourself!

Saturday, January 19th
Dinner at 5:00pm
with show to follow.
see page 3

Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering



All women are invited!

~ Mitchell Hall
~ 11:00AM
~ Saturday, Jan. 12th
(with lunch & a program)

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The Story – Sunday mornings

We continue on with **The Story** from January 6th through May 5th. Join us at 9am each Sunday morning in Mitchell Hall for a video/discussion on the week's lesson. A light breakfast is always provided (a hot breakfast on the first Sunday of each month). We will do chapter 15th on Jan. 6th.

Our Wednesday evening class (at FISH) will start up again on Jan. 9th. We will need to watch 3 videos to get caught up, chapters 14, 15, and 16. The choir also has a class for **The Story**. They meet at 5:30 on Wed., watch the video, have dinner and then a brief discussion time before choir practice.

FISH

Fellowship. Inspiration. Scripture. Hope. FISH is our mid-week educational opportunity at FPCD. We meet at 6pm in Mitchell Hall for dinner. Then at 6:45 we go to our classes or to choir practice. We have a kids class, a confirmation class, 2 adult classes, and a young adult class.

The two adult classes for January will be a discussion class led by Brian and Chris Mayer and then **The Story** class for those who can't come on Sunday mornings. Feel free to join in at any time.

Step by Step Verses

Are you still memorizing Scripture each week? You will be blessed each time you commit a verse or two to memory. Our verses for the month of January are:

Jan. 6	1 Corinthians 10:13	Jan. 27	James 1:22
Jan. 13	2 Corinthians 9:6-7	Feb. 3	Matthew 19:6
Jan. 20	Job 2:10		



Thank You

Thank you to Mark Dearth who led the adult FISH discussion class this fall. As a result of the class, there are a few people who are interested in praying on Sunday mornings before/after worship. If you interested in joining this group, please see me. Thanks Mark for helping people find meaningful ways to serve and minister to our congregation and community through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to Bunny Barr who is leading the choir's **The Story** class on Wednesdays. This gives the choir members a chance to participate in a class that will increase their knowledge and strengthen their faith as they serve in the music ministry.

Thank you to those who helped with the children's messages in worship during Advent and on Christmas Eve: Mike Hoffman, John Barr, Jonathan Mallard, Don Stanfill, Mike Pierfederici, John Semenuik. You helped all of us relate **The Story** lessons to our Christmas message.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

Children's Ministry



Happy New Year to all our friends and families!

We had a wonderful December, and I can truly say that the children and parents were a blessing over the holiday season. I was blessed by the advent songs and anthems, the all-church caroling, the Noel Festival, and Christmas Eve services, not to mention fun and sometimes crazy times in Children's Church, FISH and Sunday School. An equal blessing is the large number of people who open their hearts to the whole family at church. It's wonderful to see all of our children acquire several new sets of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles when they come to church. The effects of those relationships will last a lifetime.

If you'd like to make Christian Education a resolution for your family in the new year, this is a great time to start! Kids can come check us out any time. On Sunday mornings, Children's Sunday School starts at 9:00 upstairs in Room 14. Children's church (as always) takes place after the chancel chat during the service. On Wednesday nights, at our FISH program, we continue in *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. Don't forget that Children's Choir and Handchimes meet on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30. We welcome new members any time.

It's not too early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! We will begin our first organizational meetings within the next month or so, so talk to me if you'd like to become involved with the early planning stages of VBS.

Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

FUN TALENT NIGHT ~ Saturday Jan. 19th

Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual Fun Talent Night! Everyone is welcome— all ages, all talents. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Dinner: 5:00pm Main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish if you wish... or a dessert for our 4rd annual Dessert Contest (prizes awarded). This is a big hit and we need entries!

Showtime: after dinner Acts can be live, videotaped, or something to display (i.e. photography, jewelry, painting). Acts should be limited to 3 minutes so more people can participate. If you'd like to perform or share your talent, please email Alyssa Husby at jbhusby@aol.com.

It is not necessary to bring food... please join us for this great night!

Remember, that's Saturday, January 19th, 5:00pm!

Noel Festival!

*Photos by Ivan Doverspike
& Pam deVeer*



~ Hanging of the Greens ~



Children's Shopping

Musings from Pastor Mike

Pastoral Care – I am blessed to report that I am mentoring 5 young adults and one mature adult on a weekly basis. This mentoring process is related to discipleship, but is primarily a one-on-one Christian counseling and pouring in the love, encouragement, and guidance of God, with spiritual teaching being of secondary importance. It is more of an experiential, adoptive, relational investment that is related to discipleship but is different none the less. Mentoring in most cases is done by a more mature person acting as mentor, working with a less mature person as mentee. Pastor Carl Crouse, of Sumas C.C. Church, tells us that, “more than teachers, mentors are emancipators, freeing young Christians, freeing struggling people, freeing searching people from poor judgments, bad choices, clouded futures, and personal uncertainty, to gain a rich vision of life in Christ, health, joy, and peace.” The rewards of pouring into another person which the Lord has given you is just as rewarding to the mentor as it is to the mentee. I also enjoyed preaching on the Sunday just before New Year’s Eve with my message about encouraging ALL of us to make a resolution to become a mentor as well as a mentee for the year of 2013. Consider sharing your time with one who can benefit from your experience.

Young Adults Ministries – Converge Saturday evening get-togethers have taken on a new, fresh, updated look for 2013. On the first Saturday of the month we have dinner, an extravagant worship experience, and then dessert and fellowship. This worship is an hour or more long and is composed of much music, singing, prayer, and a full-length message. Emphasis is on including many young adult Christian musicians, artists, and prayer warriors from the metro area and is definitely an “invite your friends” evening. The second, third, and fourth Saturdays also start with a free, hot meal, but have a very short, acoustic worship with the emphasis for the evening being on Christian Education with a large group presentation, then breaking-out in small group discussions, with dessert and fellowship to follow. All Saturdays start at 6:00 PM and go to approximately 8:30 PM with child care available from 4:30 PM for the newly formed Kitchen Small Group that has a spiritual lesson or discussion while working as a team in the kitchen. Ralph Evangelista has put together a 5 minute film on our disaster relief trip to Joplin, MO. for the Presbytery of Detroit to place on their website. We will also try to get it placed on First’s website this month. He is also working on the POD Leadership Retreat that will be held at First in February. Praise God for working through our young adults!

GrouPeru! ’13 – All those interested in going on the 2 week international mission trip to Peru are meeting over Christmas break to finalize their intentions for this trip for the last two weeks of June. If you have an interest in going, contact me at 313-213-8319 by Sunday, January 6th as we will be ordering non-refundable tickets in the near future.

~God’s Peace - Pastor Mike



Music Corner

Happy New Year! We had a great Christmas celebration this year, with caroling, the NOËL Festival, and wonderful Christmas Eve services.

As we look forward to Lent and Easter, our Lenten Concert this year will fall on Sunday March 17th at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. We'll be doing Gabriel Faure's Requiem with a small orchestra. Please mark your calendars for this concert!

Thank you again to all who assisted during the Christmas Season. All of the helpers for NOËL, Caroling, Children's and Youth choirs deserve recognition and thanks for all that they do.

If you'd like to be involved in any of our music ministries, please see me, or drop me an email at marshall@firstpresdearborn.org.

See you in church!

In Christ, ~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music



Student Ministries

The Messiah has come! Jesus is Lord! The Kingdom of God is at hand. How can we best serve our King, Lord Jesus, in 2013? This is the question we will be asking students in these winter months. In Sunday school, they are learning about all the clues in the Old Testament that point toward the "forever king" that would deliver Israel. In 4:12, the middle school youth group, we are growing in our knowledge of God's character and how we can be his children. In CREW, the high school students are actively reaching out as they love the homeless and invite friends to be a part of our community. Confirmants have completed an entire semester of study, and are now forming their personal faith statements with the support of sponsors. Praise God for the goodness of His truth!

All these activities help us to grow in our fear of the Lord (wisdom), and teach us to enjoy life with God by serving His purposes instead of our own. Please pray for the high school students to encounter God in a powerful way at our winter retreat on the third weekend of January. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to stir all students' hearts with thankfulness and passion for the power of Christ's sacrifice. Pray that as our students fall in love with God, they will contagiously share that love with their classmates and friends. We have been so greatly blessed by our King and Lord! May we serve him with all our being in 2013.

God bless you this year, ~Jonathan Mallard, Director of Student Ministries

Treasure Chest Round Up

As we come to the end of another year, the Treasure Chest wishes all our donors, buyers, and helpers a blessed Christmas. You have donated lots of good stuff and we have sold it faithfully. Our rummage sale was a success as was our luncheon and our children's Christmas sale. We look forward to another year. Please stop by and visit and maybe you will find a treasure. The greatest treasure of course is the fellowship we share with you and our community. Many, many thanks. ~Olimpia Todor



Thank You

from

Boy Scout Troop 1131 at FPC

“Thank you” to all who purchased Christmas greens and popcorn items during our major fundraiser. Your purchases help support the program of our Boy Scout Troop 1131 at FPC.

See you next year! ~ Gene Smith

Where did all the straw go?

Good news, all 32 bales of straw from our Halloween event got picked up by a group called C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. This wonderful group will use our straw to keep outdoor dogs warm during the winter. Go to www.chained2011.org to read the full story of all they do to help enhance the lives of chained outdoor dogs... one dog at a time. It is truly the story of one person seeing a need and deciding to make a difference.

~ Diane Missler

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Following a holiday break, Bible study resumes its regular schedule on Thursday, January 10, 2013. Meeting time is 10:00-11:30a.m. (North Parlor). We will continue with our study of the General Epistles (1 Peter, 2 Peter; 1-3 John, Jude). ~Lorraine Lamkin

Emergency Contact Forms

Emergency Contact Forms are now available in the Narthex. If you would like the church to have contact information on file for you in the event of an emergency, we encourage you to fill out the form and turn it in to Vicki Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

~Thank You.

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January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		New Year's Day CHURCH CLOSED	1 10am Stephens-Currie- R12 Treasure Chest closed No Confirmation Class 7-9pm Outreach & Mission-SP No Adult Choir
Epiphany of the Lord/Communion 6 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary No Children's Choir No CREW Youth No Handbell Choir No Youth Choir 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6-7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg.- R16, R12 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TODAY 7 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	8 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Y. Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff - SP 6-6:45pm FISH(dinner) begins - MH 6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- R16 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
Baptism of the Lord 13 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am GrouPeru'13 Taco Bar- MH, K 1 or 2pm Memorial for Esther Craley in Grand Blanc, MI 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	14 11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH 3pm Presbytery Leadership Planning Meeting- NP 7-8pm Deacons- R12 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	15 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Y. Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP 7pm SESSION -NP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- R16 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 No PW Bible Study 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6-7pm Personnel- SP 7-9pm Converge Band- YL	4 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL	5 Set up Communion 5-11am B. Scout Woodbadge Breakfast- MH, K 9-11am Rebekah Circle- R12 9-10:30am DNA- R16 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
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16	17 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 1-3pm Lydia Martha Mary- NP 7-9pm Converge Band- YL	18 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL	19 9-10:30am DNA- R16 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 5-7:30pm Fun Talent Night- MH, K 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
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Notes from our Parish Nurse

What if Grandpa Doesn't Have Alzheimer's

There's a condition that often masquerades as dementia, with one difference—it's treatable.

Jimmy Nowell of Clifton, Tex., had always been a top-notch salesman. Locals in search of auto parts knew he could get them exactly what they needed. But in 2000, when he was 59, Nowell's speech, along with his walking, started slowing. Sometimes he needed a cane. Later, he became disorganized, losing his train of thought or turning on the computer and freezing, not knowing what to do. In 2005, he lost his job as a result of his behavior. Still, Nowell and his wife, Ann, just chalked up the symptoms to old age.

Then in 2007, Nowell started blanking on Ann's name. In a panic, she dragged her husband to doctor after doctor, but no one could agree on a diagnosis. One specialist thought Nowell had Parkinson's disease; another said it was Alzheimer's. Finally, in 2009, Nowell's condition was correctly identified when a neurologist took an MRI and compared it to a baseline image taken a few years earlier: Nowell had normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH), a condition that occurs when the clear fluid surrounding the brain fails to be reabsorbed, eventually leading to problems with memory, as well as bladder control and walking (one of the distinguishing signs is a disturbed gait). The symptoms creep up slowly at first—and when the condition is brought to a doctor's attention, it's often misdiagnosed.

"About 30 percent of my [NPH] patients were told they had Alzheimer's or Parkinson's," says Mark Luciano, M.D., neurosurgery director at Cleveland Clinic. "Sometimes they were told they were just getting old." As a result, it's tough to know how prevalent NPH truly is, but the Hydrocephalus Association estimates that at least 350,000 Americans—and 5 percent of people with dementia—have the condition. A 2005 Virginia Commonwealth University paper estimated that 9 percent of patients in assisted-living facilities may have NPH.

The good news is that unlike the vast majority of conditions that cause dementia, NPH can be treated by surgery to reduce pressure in the brain. The procedure is successful in 85 to 90 percent of NPH patients, as long as they have no complicating factors, like a spinal condition, says Michael Williams, M.D., director of Sinai Hospital's Adult Hydrocephalus Center in Baltimore.

For Nowell, news of a cure was welcome, but also frightening: A dime-size hole would be drilled into his skull and a shunt implanted to drain the excess fluid. Nevertheless, the Nowells decided to go forward with the surgery. Upon waking, Jimmy was able to walk without a cane for the first time in years. When his wife stepped off the elevator, he called out her name without hesitation, and she cried with joy. Jimmy was back.

To learn more about Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus, visit [**lifenph.com**](http://lifenph.com).

****Article taken from Parade Magazine of Detroit Free Press November 11, 2012**

Reflection on Stewardship

As previously reported in the Vision, this year we will highlight different church activities of which you may not be familiar. If one of these groups interests you, please call the contact person listed and become involved. All are welcome! This month we highlight **Mission Sewing**:



Mission Sewing is a ministry of Presbyterian Women. It was instituted many years ago to provide sewn articles such as walker bags, lap robes, articles of clothing, etc. needed by the various charities that Presbyterian Women supported. These articles were collected and then distributed where needed.

Today due to many women working outside the home and our senior women not sewing as much, we have a much reduced sewing group so we only have one sewing day per year and we mostly construct flannel receiving blankets and ask the congregation to purchase the other needed articles. The Presbytery sends a list of the needed items to each participating church and we pass this information on to our church family members who sign on for any of the items they choose to purchase. This year our congregation sent about six hundred and seventy dollars worth of goods.

We would like to encourage anyone in the congregation who would like to sew to join us. Perhaps if we had more sewers, we could construct more in house. Our sewing day is the second Tuesday of March. We have a sewing room furnished with sewing machines, tables, thread and fabric. Mark your calendar and join us. A filled sewing room would be a dream come true and we promise you will have a great time. If you have questions, please call me at 313-336-2772 or email olimpitodor36@gmail.com. ~Yours in Christ, Olimpia Todor

If you haven't already returned your Faith Response Card for 2013, please complete it and mail it in the provided envelope, or bring it to worship on Sunday and place it with your offering using the envelope provided. Thank You. ~ Mary Jo Miller, Stewardship Committee.

If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,

YOU ARE A ~ *Keenager*

Join us in Mitchell Hall at 10:00am on Wednesday, January 23rd. Lunch will be served at NOON. We hope you will join us.. Sign up on the Keenager Bulletin Board!

Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at vickid@firstpresdearborn.org. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

Our Vision is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to Jim Barber at jimb@firstpresdearborn.org no later than the 10th of the month. Please date your articles & **keep them brief - one page or less. Longer articles will result in smaller font. We reserve the right to edit as needed.**

NOEL Festival Thank You...

Special thanks to the many talented and hardworking individuals who made this year's event a success! We would like to especially thank all the musicians, the choirs, the decorators, the ticket sellers, the dessert maker, the catering company, the cleanup crew, the sound technicians, the greeters, the attendees, and everyone who participated. We couldn't have done it without you! *May you have a safe and happy new year!*

Congratulations to Alan and Jose Brailsford who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on December 18th, 1952!



Children's Shopping Day Thank You

Thank you to all the people who helped with the Treasure Chest Children's Shopping Day. The Treasure Chest ladies who gave of their time for the kids were: **Pat Knoop, Patty Wallace, Olimpia Todor, Jewel Dean, Lois Riopelle, Clara Smith, Jenny Miazga.** The kids had a great time.

Those who helped the children shop were **Catherine Dicks, Elizabeth Dicks, Caroline DeVeer.**

Those who helped the children wrap their presents were **Rebecca and Jim Scott, Bonnie Andrew, Beckie Dicks, Marie Shearer.**

And a special thank you to **Daniel Andrew** for playing with those children who were done shopping. You were able to keep the chaos to a mild level. Thank you.

It is a blessing to have people who love children.



For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, life can be filled with painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy you long for seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Art Hughes (313) 383-2589 or Chris Mayer (313) 562-1943. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Baptismal Blessings!

Congratulations to Melissa and Paul Behrens on the baptism of their daughter, Leah Elizabeth Behrens, on Sunday December 9th.

Proud grandparents are Ina and Robert Behrens.



Congratulations to Annie and Philip Evenhouse on the baptism of their son, Jack Philip Evenhouse, on Sunday December 16th.

Proud grandfather, Rev. Jack Evenhouse, performed the baptism.



REMINDER - Annual Reports Due Soon. All Committees &/or Staff members who wish to submit a report for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting (on Sun., February 3rd, 2013), **your reports must be turned in to Vicki Davidson no later than Mon., January 7th, 2013.** You can email them to vickidfpd30@gmail.com.

NOTE: Any reports received after January 7th will not be included in the meeting packet.

Thank You

To Mens Fellowship for their hard work in maintaining our building & grounds.

To Mary Ann Bassett & Carolyn Buell for their wonderful Noel Festival decorations.

To Nancy DeHamer for her great FISH dinners and “awesome” NOEL dessert.

To Pastor Dave, Ann Bleivik, & supporting cast who led us on our quest for the “forever” King.

To our many volunteers & staff who helped decorate our church for the Christmas season!

Congratulations to our confirmands who received Bibles on Dec. 9th:

***Jillian Drzinski
Logan Farley
Jacob Samuel
Emma Scott
Lindsey Seashore
David Setterlun
Lauren Setterlun***



...we want you to know about the grace that God gave the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 2 Corinthians 8:1, 2

How can a "most severe trial" lead to "overwhelming joy" and combine with "extreme poverty" to produce "rich generosity?" Paul credits God's grace. This was a miracle by the power of God's grace.

What is God's grace? It is God's favor – given to us unearned and unmerited because He loves us. It is active because He acts on those He favors. We are saved because He calls us by grace to faith in Christ. We mature in faith because He abides with us, and by grace He teaches and empowers us to fulfill the ministries He gives us. In Macedonia, His grace produced joy and rich generosity despite trial and poverty as the people pleaded for the privilege of sharing (2 Cor. 8:4). Grace can change hearts and increase worldly goods. Grace is powerful!

In the next chapter (9), Paul writes "God is able to make all grace abound in you...so you will abound in every good work" (9:8), and "he...will increase your store of seed and enlarge the harvest of your righteousness" (9:10), and "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" (9:11).

God's grace equips us for ministry with spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11; Eph. 4:7-13). "Be strong in grace, to teach others" (2 Tim 2:1, 2), and, "Use whatever gift received to serve faithfully administering God's grace" (1 Peter 4:10)." Paul writes that "by the grace of God I am what I am," (1 Cor. 15:10). Paul learned from God: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). God's grace is almost synonymous with the Holy Spirit. Stephen was both "full of the Holy Spirit" and "full of grace and power" (Acts 6:5, 8).

Abide with God knowing that He who saved you by grace to begin a good work in you will bring it to completion (Eph. 2:10; Phil 1:6) equipping you for whatever He calls you to do. ~John Holden

NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

Not just to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to an appointment, the store, Sunday service or a church event, your FPC family would like to help. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, Bob Missler at (313)791-0377, or call the church at (313)274-1313. Also, if you are free to occasionally help with driving, we'd like to hear from you too. ~Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator.

Matthew 25:40... "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



New Logo Name Tags

If you would like an FPC name tag, please contact Bob Missler—narthex after service, church mail box, or phone 313-791-0377.

Our sincere condolences to:

The family and friends of Henry Missel who passed away November 16th.

The family and friends of Esther Craley who passed away November 20th.

The family and friends of Mildred Hamilton (NOT our Millie Hamilton), who passed away December 15th. Mildred was the mother of Val Evangelista and grandmother of Ralph Evangelista.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

January



- 01/01: Bill Leslie, Jenny Miazga
- 01/02: Robert Morris, Eugene L. Smith
- 01/04: John McFadden
- 01/05: Dee LaPointe, Therese Martin, Ann Phillips, Todd Storrs, Lori Wyatt
- 01/06: Bette Smith, Brian Zirbel
- 01/11: John Blyth, Elaine Fellows, Kathryn Dobson, Lisa Reiter
- 01/14: Robert Powanda, Jeffrey Hosmer
- 01/16: Jane Gibbs, Richard Armstrong
- 01/17: Margaret Engstrom, Shirley Shimamura, David Martin
- 01/18: Susan Miller
- 01/19: Charlene Verral, Kate Bruder
- 01/21: Whitney Barr, David Carlson
- 01/25: Richard Fisher
- 01/28: John Matthews, Dean Young, Katya Isaacson
- 01/29: Ivan Doverspike, Jillian Drzinski
- 01/30: Margo Martinez, Jane Dearth

Noteworthy

- Group Peru '13 Taco Bar — Sun. Jan. 13th
- Presby. Leadership Training — Sat. Feb. 2nd
- Annual Congregational Meeting — Sun. Feb. 3rd
- Ash Wednesday — Feb. 13th
- King of Kings movie — Sun. Feb. 17th

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- January 6 / - Epiphany-Communion, Story Chapter 15, Rev. Dave Bleivik
- January 13 / - Story Chapter 16, Rev. Dave Bleivik
- January 20 / - Story Chapter 17, Rev. Dave Bleivik
- January 27 / - Story Chapter 18, Rev. Dave Bleivik

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