



# Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
January 2014 Newsletter

*Happy  
New  
Year!*



**Sermon on the Mount**  
Sermon Series

Living as a disciple in the real world as directed by Jesus.



An 8 week series beginning Jan 8 2014. This series looks at what the parables of Jesus look like today.

**FISH Wed. Evening Programs**  
resume

**Wednesday, January 8th**

**Guest Teacher– Rev. Doug Campbell**



**Come join us in our sanctuary  
for an hour of contemporary praise music  
and worship.  
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**Ministry in the Neighborhood**  
*starting in January*  
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*Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.*

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### **Adult Sunday School**

This winter we move into the rest of the **Sermon on the Mount**, beginning with an introduction on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a marvelous series, for it contains the essentials of Jesus' teachings. We will use both the Old Testament and the New Testament to help us understand what Jesus is saying and how we are to apply it. Join us in the North Parlor each Sunday at 9am. You will be blessed as you seek to increase your understanding of God's Word.

**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. Our adult class this winter will be "**parables in reverse**", an 8 week study of what the parables of Jesus look like today. This class will be led by Rev. Doug Campbell. We meet in the North Parlor.

**Hour of Excellence Short-term Reprisal-** At FISH, during January and February, we will have a guest speaker lead the adult class. Rev. Doug Campbell grew up in our church until his family moved out to Plymouth when he was 12. Doug came to faith while studying Art History in college. Later he attended Princeton Theological Seminary, where he met his wife Emily. They served as associate pastors in Scotland for 10 years and then Doug was called to work for the Scottish Bible Society.

Currently, Doug works as a consultant to national and international non-profits, helping them define who they are and how to fulfill their mission. He is also a part-time Interim Pastor in Livonia for the American Baptist Church. Doug and Emily have 2 delightful girls.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in the North Parlor.

**Lenten Small Group Adventure-** The Christian Education Committee is asking each of our current small groups and some new ones to commit to meet for 6 weeks during Lent and focus on the study, "**You'll Get Through This**". This video series focuses on the turbulent times that everyone seems to go through and how God will deliver you from them and then use your mess for good. We will explore the story of Joseph and see how it applies to our lives. We want our groups to invite new people to join them and we plan to start a few new groups. Watch for more information next month.

### **Thank You**

~Many thanks to Mike Hoffman who led the adult FISH discussion class this fall. Thank you to Mark Dearth for subbing in the adult class on Sunday mornings. Thank you to Christie Smith for her terrific meals at FISH each Wednesday. Thank you to Jan Cobb for preparing the ornament crafts for FISH that were distributed during the caroling.

~Thank you to those who helped make the Advent Story Calendar come to life on Christmas Eve. Diane Missler's picture was awesome. Stella Doverspike as Little Bear, was wonderful. And all the character actors (Grace Doverspike, Catherine Dicks, Elizabeth Dicks, Heather Slanec, Emma Scott, & Leah Setterlun), Cory, JoAnn and Cece Sadler as the Holy Family, and especially all the "animals" at the manger – thank you all!

~Thank you to all of our office volunteers and the Tuesday morning men's work crew. You serve us so faithfully and your ministries enable us to do our ministries. Thank you!

~Thank you Marshall and Beckie Dicks for leading the Carol Sing on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

## Children's Ministry



### Happy New Year!

Many thanks to the workers at the Treasure Chest for all your hard work preparing the Christmas Boutique on December 8. Your patience and good will made it a day to remember!

New Year's blessings also to our teachers and volunteers who so richly bless our family's kids. You make "church" a friendly home for our little ones. That kind of impact will last a lifetime.

### 2014:

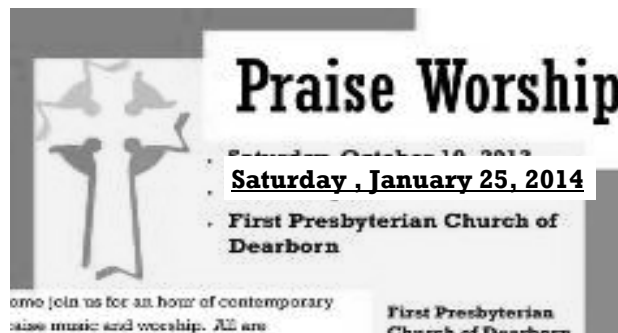
It's a great time to start Sunday School! Your children are welcome to try it out any time. Our teachers are friendly, and it's a great group of kids!

Wednesday night FISH continues starting on January 8, with chapter 12. We'll find out the truth about the mysterious knight in the Silver Chair.

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

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## *Contemporary Praise Music and Prayer Event*



Our third praise and prayer event will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 PM. The theme of this event will be "Imagine" with music, scripture, a message, and prayer focusing on opening ourselves to the visions of where and how God is leading us through the Holy Spirit. Please invite friends and neighbors and plan on joining us in the Sanctuary as we seek inspiration and enjoy contemporary praise music led by our praise ensemble. This event is co-sponsored by the DNA committee and Worship and Arts.

## Youth Group Reaches Classmates with the Gospel



Last month the students reached out to classmates with the LifeBook provided by Gideons International. We teamed up with another youth group in Dearborn and handed out over 800 copies of the Gospel of John to friends! We also invited them to Dearborn Blast 2014 on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is our BIG kickoff party with another youth group in town. We hope to tell as many students as possible about the love of Christ and invite them to experience it themselves by coming to 4:12.

This month, in addition to Dearborn Blast 2014, we will have a lock-in on January 17 to teach the kids about the persecuted Church around the world. We will write letters to encourage real brothers and sisters in Christ imprisoned for their faith! We will also watch videos about life in hostile countries and fill help-packs to assist families who have had members killed or imprisoned. Please pray for God to move in the hearts of our youth to love Christ's church of all tribes, tongues and nations, and for the Holy Spirit to comfort those who are suffering.

Overall, 4:12 has grown by about 50% this year, with about 20 students involved. We have about 12 students attend 4:12 on a weekly basis. Please pray that our students will encounter the love of Jesus in a powerful way, and desire to share the gospel of salvation with their friends. I believe that God will use our boys and girls to radically transform the schools in the Dearborn area and reach dozens of other students for Christ! Please pray that God will bring this vision to reality this year. May God bless you and yours in 2014.

In Christ, Jonathan Mallard  
Director of Student Ministries

## » Thank You «

*We would like to extend a special 'Thank You' to all who provided the setups and wonderful decorations. We are grateful for the talents of Marshall Dicks, the choirs and instrumental performers who created a wonderful Noel Festival event. The extra effort by all made this a memorable evening of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the miracle of the Christmas season.*



**Do you use EMAIL? Have you been receiving the email messages about FPC events?** If not, we would love to add your email address to our list. The DNA Committee has been sending out limited messages on upcoming events. These messages are great reminder for you and can be easily forwarded to friends. Forwarding is a way for you to invite someone to experience God's love in action. Please email [fpcd.events@gmail.com](mailto:fpcd.events@gmail.com), or call the church at (313)274-1313 to give us your email address, or permission to use your email address that we have on file.

## Fun / Talent Night

It's that time of year again. Start planning for this year's Fun / Talent Night on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Dust off the instruments, loosen up your vocal cords, work on those dance moves, practice some jokes, and think up a skit to make fun of Pastor Dave. All types of acts and hobbies are encouraged. A fun night awaits.



## » Thank You «

*Thanks to all who participated in the craft show either as a vendor, visitor, or buyer. Our profit of \$1560.00 will go towards our mission giving in 2014.*

*~Presbyterian Women*



## Music Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas! Looking back at 2013, we had a very successful year. Performing the Fauré Requiem during Lent and our NOËL Festival during Advent were highlights of the year.

Speaking of the NOËL Festival, I would like to reiterate some of the thank-yous for that night. First off, thank you to Mary Ann Bassett, Carolyn Buell, and all who helped with the decorating and planning of the evening. Next I'd like to thank my lovely wife, Beckie, for all the work she puts in with the Children's Choir, writing and directing the skits, helping with rehearsals, and putting up with me! And, of course, I'd like to thank all of the choirs and soloists for your excellent performances. I'd also like to thank the parents of the Youth and Children's choirs for all of your dedication in getting your children to all the rehearsals and performances. Special thanks to Tim Huth, our outstanding accompanist. And thanks to Kim and Ivan Doverspike for being our hosts again this year.

Aside from NOËL, I hope that everyone found the Advent and Christmas services meaningful and enjoyable. Thanks to our Praise band leadership of Dan Saylor, Lewis Britz and Steve Britz for all of the work they put in planning and preparing for leading in worship. And, again, thanks to Tim and all of our choirs for their work towards Christmas Eve.

As we look forward to the New Year, I'd like to invite anyone who's interested to come and join our choirs! This year during Lent we'll be performing the Mozart Requiem. This is a wonderful work. We'll be singing it with the choir from First United Methodist, and several members of the Vanguard Voices. It will be a great winter and spring of music for all of our choirs, we'd love to have you join us!

~Happy New Year, Marshall

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### Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Presbyterian Women's Bible study continues to meet on Thursday mornings (10:00-11:30a.m.) in the North Parlor. We are currently studying in the Old Testament (Exodus/Deuteronomy). PW Bible studies are written by women Pastors to be studied by women throughout the country for an entire year. This year's study will include discussion of immigration issues.

~*Lorraine Lamkin*

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### 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.

## Musings from Pastor Mike - January 2014

Leadership has always been a passion of mine. I have a Masters and Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership, taught 37 years in the public schools, was a Boy Scout badge counselor and soccer coach for over 14 years, worked as a Youth Minister (volunteer and paid staff member) for over 10 years, taught numerous adult and children's Sunday Education Hour classes (24 years), became a Lay Pastor (4 years) and Young Adult Ministries Director (over 2 years) right here at FPC. God has wired me to be the type of leader that author Bill Farrel has termed in his book, *The Ten Best Decisions that a Leader Can Make*, an "Accomplisher". Bill made me realize that I would be first to place a bumper sticker on my Transit that reads, "I am not bossy, I just have better ideas" (enough levity...or maybe true confessions!).

My passion for leadership development was recently ignited again when I read a story by author Henning Mankell in his book, *"The Art of Listening"*. While on a mission trip in Africa, Henning heard two elderly African men in Mozambique exchange these words:

"I was visiting my friend at his home when he began to tell me this amazing story about something that happened to him when he was young. But it was a long story. Night came, and we decided that I should come back the next day to hear the rest. But when I arrived, he was dead." The other man pondered the conversation, and then finally spoke slowly, "That's not a good way to die – before you've told the end of your story."

The Holy Spirit has set a spark in me to ignite a passion of developing Christian Leaders to bring Him glory. One manifestation of this has been in the recent two-day training sessions of 11 mid-life adults to mentor young adults. I thank God for Val Evangelista, Keith Ingram, Bob Szczechura, Mike Barr, Sue Young, Ann Bleivik, Julia Casey, Jacann Demuth, Cheryl Bear, and Brian Mayer for joining me on this journey. Ten of the mid-life adults already have been carefully matched up to young adults and we have begun this exciting journey of "living out life together". I also thank Jonathan Mallard for also going through this training with the possibility of young adults mentoring teens sometime down the road. I will offer up another adult mentoring class if the need becomes evident by mid-year and will offer to partner up with Jonathan when he accepts the challenge to offer up a class to young adults.

Likewise, Leadership development in young adults has prompted my team and me to move our "Converge Community" to Panera Cares. Keep us in prayer as our kick-off is January 4th and our year-long message will be on becoming effective *Servant Leaders*. We were able to move into the downtown area for the same budget that we have been spending with the advantage of evangelizing by our sheer presence right on Michigan Avenue. Check out my bulletin board outside our office to see a graphic, visual view of how the evenings will look like and how much freedom the young adults now have to live out the leadership message that I will give each Saturday. As a side note, **all of you, high school seniors, families, and the eldest members of our church family**, are invited to come to Panera Cares on Saturdays from 6-7:30 PM just to see and experience what we are doing, as well as purchasing a delicious meal that will benefit our venue.



**We are all leaders.** Some of us are wired that way by God and have leadership spelled out in our lives with a capital L. We have bumper stickers on our cars that read, "If I want your opinion, I will give it to you" (just teasing). Some are leaders with a lower-case L. That is, they have spiritual gifts that will enable them to share the gospel message as an influencer...much like salt subtly flavors food. **You too are a leader and you have a story to finish.** God is fanning the spark in your heart to prepare you to become a blaze which will accomplish the Holy Spirit's purpose in you.

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun." - Psalm 37:4-6

My prayer for 2014 is that the Holy Spirit will direct us to become the Servant Leaders that God wants us to be, for the stated purpose of bringing him glory by "being and making disciples of Christ, who share God's word, seek his truth, and serve his world". Amen!

# 2014

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			<b>New Year's Day</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 
<b>Epiphany Sunday</b> <b>Communion</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group YL, YC <b>No Children's Choir</b> <b>No Handbell Choir</b> <b>No Youth Choir</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	Epiphany of the Lord <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b> 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- offsite 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study- Panera Cares 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff- S</b> 6-6:45pm <b>FISH begins (dinn</b> 6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Tu
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## Notes from our Parish Nurse

### Thank You to Participants of the Card Ministry

We are blessed to have a group of loving people, who use their talents of creativity, to help us minister to those in our church family who are struggling with health issues, have lost a loved one, or are unable to attend our physical church anymore, due to being homebound or just out of the area. This is a tangible ministry to lift the spirits of those in need and to remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Special thanks to Karen McAlpine, a “friend of the church”, who has been our facilitator and chief designer for the past few years. Her level of creativity and experience has allowed us to move to a whole new level in our card making. We have been blessed to have her join us!! Also, a special thanks to Jan Cobb, and the other faithful members, who have been with us for many years or just a little while. We are a “team” and could not do it without you!

The card ministry’s purpose is to make beautiful handmade greeting cards, and at the same time share in fellowship and mission. Besides having cards available to our staff and Deacons, we make **over 30 cards 5 times a year** to send to our homebound/more vulnerable members. If you have a suggestion of a person/couple who may fit into this category, please let me know.

We generally meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be January 6<sup>th</sup> and **we would love to have YOU join us! No experience required!** If you would like to help, you can contact Jan Cobb at 278-8429 or me at 274-1313 x 16.

Blessings, Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

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### Treasure Chest News

Another year has almost come to an end and the workers of the Treasure Chest wish our wonderful congregation a Merry Christmas and hope that the new year will be rich in blessings for one and all. We look forward to having you shop with us and also consider us as your preferred recipient for articles which you may wish to donate. The money we raise goes for special projects within the church. Thank you for your generosity.





**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. *James 1:17***

All the good things we have come from God. The words used express the act of giving, the gifts, and completeness. God's gifts are perfect, contrasting with temptations leading to sin and death (1:13-15).

What are these "good gifts? The next verse (1:18) says that God chose to make us the first fruits of Creation by a new birth through the word of truth. That is the greatest gift -- being reborn into eternal life. That prepares us to properly receive God's gifts and live with Him and each other forever.

Everything God created is good (*Genesis 1:31*). All things were created by and for Christ (*Col. 1:16*), which means everything has a good purpose. Through science (*Gen. 1:28*) and prayer, we are to discover those good uses and realize the blessings God has given us in His Creation. All things are to be received with thanksgiving consecrated by the word of God (*1Tim. 4:4*). That means that God's gifts are sacred. Therefore, we are to share, thank God, and be good stewards of His Creation. We and all we have are His (*Psalms 24:1*). What do you have that you did not receive (*1 Cor. 4:7*)?

The "Father of heavenly lights" is not blocked the way clouds sometimes block the sun's light. God does not change (*Mal. 3:6*); He is always here with love, grace, providence, and glory, giving good and perfect gifts according to His good and perfect will. Therefore, give thanks with humility, and use His gifts wisely.

~John Holden

### **Christmas Joy Offering**

The Christmas Joy offering will be taken from now until the end of the year. 50% of the Christmas Joy offering supports the Board of Pensions for pastors, missionaries, other people in ministry, and their families. The other 50% supports the following Presbyterian racial and ethnic schools: Barber-Scotia College, Cook Native American Ministries, Knoxville College, Menaul School, Presbyterian Pan American School, and Stillman College. Thank-you for supporting the Christmas Joy offering. ~Joel DeHamer



**Sunday Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to **Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at [vickidfpd30@gmail.com](mailto:vickidfpd30@gmail.com)**. 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.

**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](mailto: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.**

### ***Noteworthy***

- ◆ Ann Bleivik & Jane Mykytenko are interested in building up our costume supply for our upcoming productions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ann at the church or Jane at 313-657-2776.
- ◆ Jane Lewy-Mykytenko is thinking of starting a music studio. If you are interested in voice or piano lessons for child or adult, please contact Jane @ 313-657-2776.
- ◆ With only two custodians, we do not have custodial support on Fridays. If you require custodial support for a Friday event, you must request it.
- ◆ Join us for Community Game Night the 2nd Friday of every month. \$5 donation includes pizza, drinks, dessert & games. Euchre tournament entry \$5.



### ***Thank You!***

Thanks to all those who brought cookies for the cookie walk, and all those folks who bought cookies and goodies. We had a profit of \$567.00 that will go towards our mission giving in 2014.  
~Presbyterian Women

The Session has approved setting up separate funds so the congregation can contribute to the relief efforts by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for the Philippines and tornadoes in the Midwest U.S. You can designate the "Other" section of your giving envelope and write "Philippines" or "Tornadoes". As an alternative, you can use the envelopes in the church pews and write "Philippines" or "Tornadoes". Please indicate the amount or percentage for each of the designations. This offering will continue until January 26, 2014.

Thank-you for your support.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



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!

## *Noel Festival!*

*Photos by Carol Brinton*



## *~ Hanging of the Greens ~*



*Children's Shopping*

**If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,  
YOU ARE A ~ Keenager**

Please join us the fourth Wednesday of each month for Christian Fellowship and Information as we go for lunch, or meet in Mitchell Hall. Check the Keenager bulletin board for details and sign-up sheet.

***Treasure Chest 'Thank You' Awards***

*Awards were given to Clara Smith, Nelda Johnson and Lois Riopelle for their many years of dedicated service. Jewell Dean received an award for outstanding work as our Treasurer and Chairman of the 2013 Rummage Sale.*

**Meals for the Homebound**

Some of our homebound congregation could use assistance with meals. The next time you are preparing something that is easily frozen, just make a little extra. Freeze enough for two people in a nonreturnable container and drop it off at church, letting the office know. The Deacons will deliver it. This small gesture will mean a lot to the recipients and what a wonderful way to show our Christian love. Bob Missler - Deacon Moderator

**LIBRARY CORNER**



Looking for a good book to read?  
Check out your church library, next to the  
South Parlor.

JERUSALEM: The Biography by Simon Sebag

How did this remote city become the universal city, the capital of two peoples, and the shrine of three faiths? The epic history of three thousand years of faith, slaughter, fanaticism and coexistence can be read in Simon Sebag's book Jerusalem: The Biography. The book will give you a real understanding of the importance of Jerusalem to world history and the birth of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The story begins with the world of King David and ends with the 6 day war. Family trees from the Maccabees (160 BC) to the Hashemite Dynasty, 1916 are included. Maps include the layout of the city from King David (1000 BC) to the early Twentieth Century.

~Julia Casey



**NEW ADDRESS!**

**Alan and Jose Brailsford have  
moved. Their new address is:**

**15081 Ford Road, Apt. 116  
Dearborn, MI 48126**

### 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."*



### 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
- 01/07: Jonathan Mallard
- 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: Kate Greenman
- 01/21: Whitney Barr, David Carlson
- 01/25: Dick Fisher
- 01/28: John Matthews, Sarah Britz,  
Katya Isaacson
- 01/29: Ivan Doverspike, Jillian Drzinski,  
Lexi Hanson
- 01/30: Margo Martinez, Jane Dearth

### ANNUAL REPORTS DUE SOON

To all Committees, Staff, and Groups wishing to submit a report for the Annual Congregational Meeting (coming up on Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014): All electronically formatted reports need to be emailed to Vicki Davidson by Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. Email them to: [vickidfpcd30@gmail.com](mailto:vickidfpcd30@gmail.com).

### Winter Addresses

Please notify the church office if you would like your VISION Newsletter and other church mail sent to a different address during the winter months.

### New Logo Name Tags



Name tags with our new cross logo can be ordered through the deacons. This is a good way for all of us to get to know each other. To order, please see Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator (313)791-0377.

### Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am

January 5 / - Communion, Sermon on the Mount overview, Mike Hoffman, CLP  
January 12 / - Salt and Light, Rev. Dave Bleivik  
January 19 / - Law and Profits-Sola Scriptura, Rev. Dave Bleivik  
January 26 / - Anger, Rev. Dave Bleivik

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