



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
January 2016 Newsletter



2016
Happy New Year!



Applying Biblical truths to today's culture

Wed. evenings at
F.I.S.H.

Led by Pastor Don

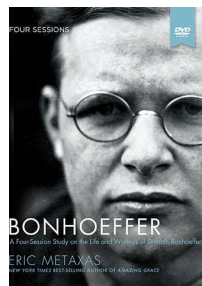
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"The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer"



A DVD/discussion adventure
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January at FPCD

Folk lore has Janus (aka January) looking back and forward at the same time. So – as we look back over 2015 we can say – it was good! A big thanks to all those who served in our many voluntary positions through the year. Your faithfulness, prayers and support make our ministry and mission so vital. Of course, we continue to hold the members of our PNC in prayer, as they continue to seek our new pastor.

To look ahead: we begin 2016 with a service of Epiphany at which time we recall the story of the visit of the Wise Men who followed the star to the manger. So, we continue to follow that star, as we engage in the study of God's Word – worship in the beauty of holiness – enjoy our fellowship opportunities and, participate in activities of service.

Our Fish program begins on Wednesday, January 6 – which is the traditional day of Epiphany – and, we will have a new study entitled: "The Wired Word." Each week we will be discussing the headline news stories affecting our nation and world. Then, with Scripture to guide us, to discuss how Christians may respond so that others will say – "see those Christians how they show their love....by word and in deed."

On January 10th we invite all those who wish to join our family of faith to meet in the North parlor, following worship, as we partake of the Peru Luncheon fare. At that time the theology, worship, ministry and mission of the PCUSA church will be discussed. The following Sunday morning, those who wish to unite with the church will meet with Session members and, be recognized in our Morning Worship Service. This is also the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Our Men's retreat is scheduled for Friday evening, January 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Saturday's schedule begins at 9:00 a.m. and the retreat concludes at noon.

A further glance at the calendar includes the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held following worship on February 7th – and I can hardly believe that the Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. It is said that 'time flies when you are having fun' - (aka joy)-

Let us so do!

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Don

Children's Ministry

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was joyful and meaningful. With Treasure Chest Christmas shopping, the Noel Festival and two Christmas Eve Services, the Season was full of celebration at church! What wonderful times we had with our church family.



Many thanks to the volunteers of the Treasure Chest for hosting our children for our seventh annual Christmas Boutique. We all look forward to it every year. Thank you for your planning, your hard work, and your patience.

The new year continues with Sunday School at 9:00 each Sunday, Children's Church after the first part of the worship service, and FISH Kids' Class on Wednesday nights at 7:00, following dinner at 6:00. If you currently have children, please bring them to any of these fun and important ministries. And, whether or not you have children, please pray for these kids, and the future they will be a part of.

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

Food Pantry Update!

The Helping Hand program at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church supplies food to people of our community on an emergency basis.... The pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. In order to receive assistance from the pantry, a photo I.D. is required.



If you are aware of individuals or families who live in our community who are in need, we ask that you might send them our way. We are here to help.

Very sincerely yours,

Carolyn Vanden Bosch
Helping Hand coordinator

Rev. Mark F. Phillips
Minister



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Wed. evenings 6:45pm at F.I.S.H

Led by Pastor Don

Starts Jan. 6th

Come join us as Pastor Don Wright brings our lessons and discussions to life ... and make them more relevant to modern Christian living ...

Each week includes biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a topic in the news that week— sometimes even the same day! Finally, you'll have a simple way to ...

- ~ Relate current events to relevant Scripture passages.
- ~ Learn how the verses apply to everyday life.
- ~ Apply biblical truths to today's culture.

Come join the scripture, the discussion, & the adventure!

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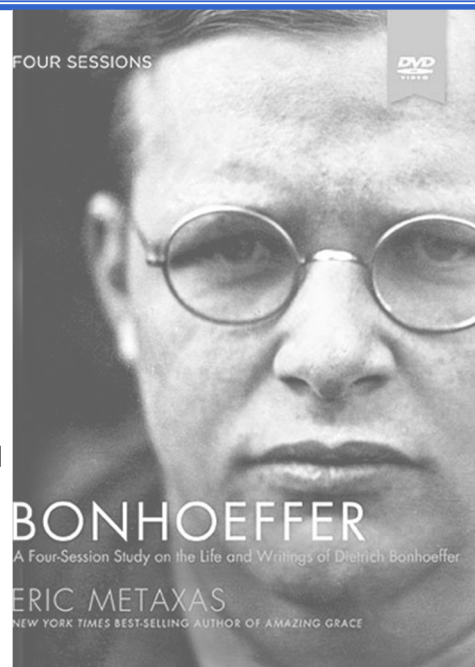
"The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer"

WHERE? FPCD North Parlor
WHO? You and any male friends, 18 and over
WHAT? "The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" DVD/discussion
COST? \$5 total for Friday snacks and Saturday's continental breakfast.

Join us as we are led through Eric Metaxa's video-based Bible study on spiritual truths that transformed a faith community in Nazi Germany

A DVD/discussion adventure
 facilitated by

Pastor Mike, CRE



What's happening in Christian Education in and around FPC-D?

Pastor Michael J. Hoffman, CRE. & CE Director

Sundays at 9:00 AM –

Adults: Starting on Sunday, January 3rd, I will facilitate an adult class using the DVD ***We Speak*** and will promote a discussion each week. For those who desire a more comprehensive study, I will also offer daily devotions which you can do at home.

We Speak will enable all of us to learn how to share our “faith testimony” of how having a relationship with Jesus Christ has transformed our lives. For some folks, it began with an “aha moment” and for others, it has been a life-long journey. Many main-line Christians struggle with sharing their story. Come learn how to share your journey in a most natural, comfortable, yet truthful and Biblical way.

Children and Teens: Come experience stories from the Bible and how they intertwine with your own life. Children meet on the top floor in classrooms that are marked with their grade levels and the teens meet in that special space over the Mitchell Hall Stage.

Sundays at 3:00-4:30 PM (usually)

Teen Middle School (4:12) and High School (CREW) Youth Groups: After our “Wild and Crazy” Christmas Extravaganza Party and Activities, we get back on track for cooking, lesson, games, lesson application and snack. We are together for the first half of Youth Groups and then split into mid and senior high groups for application and snack. Something new for January: We will be joined by some of the U of M-D International students from India to share their culture with us all (and maybe food!) Look for the mailing of our monthly postcard and invite friends!

Wednesday Evenings 6-8:00 PM

FISH – Scrumptious catered dinners for \$8/per person from 6-6:45 and then class from 6:45-8:00 PM. Join Pastor Don for a new class on January 6th entitled ***The Wired Word***. This exciting class pairs VERY current events with recognizing God's intervention in our lives as Believers. This is a CUTTING EDGE class. Young Adults and Adults need to take time to be a part of this class...it will help you make sense of what is happening right before our eyes on a daily basis.

Saturday Evenings 5:30-7:30 PM at Panera Cares

Converge – Young Adults from FPC, & nationals and internationals, come eat & fellowship, worship and hear a message all in a NEW WAY, and then break into discussion groups to go through questions prepared to go along with the message. Haven't been to Converge in a while? Come see how it has transformed into a space and program that needs someone just like YOU. Special missions and field trips in the Metro Detroit area once a month round out not only hearing the Word, but doing it! Check us out on facebook: **Converge Young Adults**

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study will be starting the 2015-2016 HORIZONS Bible study, *Come to the Waters*. Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Charlie Aronson and Jane Lewy-Mykytenko will lead our discussions. “The rich imagery of water throughout the Bible helps us understand and articulate our faith. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls.”



Music Corner

Welcome to the New Year! Many thanks to all who participated in the NOEL Festival and during our Christmas Eve Services! A special thanks to Tim Huth, our organist for all of his work accompanying all of our groups as needed!

In the New Year, we'll start with the celebrations of Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ on the first two Sundays of the year.

Now is a great time to join any of our choirs! We'll be preparing music for Lent and Easter, including our Lenten Concert this year.

Our schedule of choirs is as follows:

Adult Choir meets in the Choir Loft on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, right after the F.I.S.H. Dinner. Adult choir is open to all who are interested, College age and above.

Youth Choir meets in the Choir Loft on Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm, right after Handbell Choir. Youth Choir is open to all youth in grades 6 to 12.

Children's Choir meets in the Choir Loft on Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm. Children's Choir is open to all children in grades K-5. It is helpful if the children can read.

Handbell Choir meets in the Handbell Room (3A & 3B) in the basement at 4:30, right after Children's Choir and Youth Group. All in Children's Choir and Youth Choir are invited. Adults who are interested, see me.

Hope to see you all in the New Year!

In Christ, ~Marshall

ChristNet Continues!

It is with great excitement and happiness that Sue Sullivan and I announce that the ChristNet mission project will now be led by Kevin Watts! We are thrilled and know that with many other helping hands within the church and the community that the mission will continue to bless many and Kevin will do great.



Sue and I want to thank everyone over the past years that have helped and supported us through a mission that we both feel is so very important. We will truly miss it and are so very thankful for how it has fulfilled our lives and so many others. We are both looking forward to the future and what God has in store for us as we explore new adventures!

Thank you again and wishing much success to Kevin and his team!

~ Jeni Cole and Sue Sullivan

Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE

Young Adult & Adult CE Director and Youth Groups Leader

“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” –James 4:13-14

As human beings, many of us take life for granted. We live as though our lives will go on forever.

So why is there still so much worrying and stress in our lives? We worry because we don't think that God can take care of us. We have stress because we think that the things that we do are so important that we can justify being impatient, not granting grace to others, and trying to keep a tight grip of control without allowing the Holy Spirit to lead. When we act like this, we are in effect telling God, “My circumstances are more important than your command to rejoice” Remember, “Rejoice in the Lord, always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” – Philemon 4:4

If life is a movie, our appearance in it is less than a second. The main character in the movie of life is God, who was, who is, and who always will be. We can make our “second” count by thanking and serving God through loving and serving others, giving God all the glory.


Life is fragile and we really have very little control over many parts of it. We can allow fear to rule us by turning inward and stop taking risks, or we can acknowledge our lack of control and reach out for God's help.

My prayer for my church family is that our work in our ministries this year will reach out even further to those in our community & beyond as we ask God to reveal to us what he has already started, so that we can come along side and play our parts. My hope is that we also ask those that we feel called to serve, specifically what they need, as opposed to us deciding for them. Working and having conversations with many young adults through Converge has helped me to realize that their needs are great, especially those international students who are away from their homes, their parents and siblings, their church and pastor, and their native language.

I thank God in advance that this year, that while our son Jared works as an au pair in Germany with a 5 and 7 year-old boy, God will lead someone to come along side of him and show him around Freiberg, assist him in the German language, help him understand the culture, and provide him with Christian mentoring and guidance in his relationship with God. May God grant you and yours a wonderful and meaningful 2016, full of joy as well as challenges.


– Amen!

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Epiphany Sunday/Communion 3 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:30am Property- Library 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A No Children's, Handbell, or Youth Choirs 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 4 10am Card Ministry- R14 DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	5 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7-8pm Deacons- NP 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	Epiphany of the Lord 10am Stephens-Currie- 10am-4pm Treasure Ch 12:30pm Staff meeting- 6-6:45pm FISH begins 6:45-8pm Adult and Ki 7-8:30pm GriefShare- \$ 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sar
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		New Year's Day  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
Lord Currie- NP Treasure Chest Meeting- SP Begins again (dinner) – MH and Kids' Classes Share- SP Church Sanct., Turco	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP	6:30-9pm Game Night- MH	5am-10am Woodbadge Breakfast- MH, K 10am-12pm Girl Scouts- R14 10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP 10am-1pm Setup for Peru lunch- K 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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Currie- NP Treasure Chest Meeting- SP (dinner) – MH and Kids' Classes Share- SP Church Sanct., Turco	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP	6-9pm Men's Retreat- NP, K	9am-12pm Men's Retreat- NP, K 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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HOW TO HYGGE: (or 29 WAYS TO ENJOY WINTER)

If you've never heard of *hygge* before, it's the Danish concept of warm coziness during the winter months. It's "creating a warm atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life with good people" (according to Denmark's official tourism website.) Those Danes actually enjoy winter! They embrace it and look forward to it! Whaaaaattt?!!

- 1. MAKE YOUR SPACE AS COZY +COMFY AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE**
- 2. HOST A SLEDDING PARTY**
- 3. DIY SPA DAY**
- 4. WRITE ACTUAL LETTERS**
- 5. MAKE A WINTER BONFIRE**
- 6. VISIT SOMEONE WHO'S HOUSEBOUND**
- 7. EMBRACE SEASONAL PRODUCE**
- 8. TRY A NEW HOT DRINK**
- 9. PLAN A REGULAR, ON-GOING WINTER GROUP ACTIVITY**
- 10. HOST BRUNCH**
- 11. CHOOSE HAPPY BOOKS/MUSIC/MOVIES**
- 12. GET MORE SUN**
- 13. SHOW PEOPLE YOU LOVE THEM**
- 14. EMBRACE THE "NO BAD WEATHER, ONLY BAD CLOTHES" RULE**
- 15. YES, TRY A SPRAY TAN**
- 16. SHOVEL SOMEONE'S SIDEWALK**
- 17. EAT YOUR VITAMIN D**
- 18. TRY A WINTER SPORT**
- 19. MAKE SNOWCREAM**
- 20. MAKE ARM OR LEG WARMERS**
- 21. PLAN A WEEKEND AWAY**
- 22. LEARN THE WINTER CONSTELLATIONS**
- 23. MAKE A SNOW FORT**
- 24. LISTEN TO OLD MUSIC**
- 25. TAKE A TRADITIONAL SAUNA**
- 26. HAVE AN INDOOR PICNIC**
- 27. PERFECT A DIFFICULT RECIPE**
- 28. PLAY BOARD GAMES**
- 29. LEARN TO LAYER**

For the fun article/post with lots of detailed suggestions go to:~
<http://www.yesandyes.org/2015/11/how-to-hygge.html>

~Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



[Jesus:] Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
(Matt 5:8)

In this Beatitude, Jesus teaches that seeing God is a blessing for those with a pure heart. In the OT, no one could see God's face and live (*Ex 33:20; Is. 6:5*). God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all (*1 John 1:5*). Our sin separates us from God's holiness. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord (*Heb. 12:14*). How can we see God? O the blessings of those with a pure heart, for they will see God!

A "pure in heart" has no vile affections – a higher standard than the Pharisees' ceremonial washings. Purity is unmixed, like wheat purged of all chaff – no darkness at all. "If we walk in the light as He himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin" (*1 John 1:7*). The pure heart has a clean conscience; it does not corrupt our love for God.

Jesus taught the need for spiritual rebirth and obedience. "No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above" (*John 3:3*); you must be born from above (*John 3:7*). Purity requires a spiritual rebirth, which we receive by faith in Christ. Christ reveals Himself to those who love and obey Him (*John 14:21*).

Jesus taught that His disciples will know the truth that will make them free (*John 8:31 -33*). When the Jews asked what He meant by "free," He replied that everyone who sins is a slave to sin (*John 8:34*), and if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed (*John 8:36*). Let us approach with a true heart ... cleaned from an evil conscience... (*Heb. 10:22*). The blood of Christ purifies our conscience so we can worship God (*Heb. 9:14*). The Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts by faith (*Acts 15:9*). Let us repent and return to Him!

By grace, we may see God through spiritual fellowship in the Word, by perception of faith, in a vision, in Person when He comes again, or when we go to Him (*1 John 3:2; Jude 3:24; Rev. 22:4*).

~ John Holden

Congratulations!

We have received word that Laura and Jonathan Mallard had their baby. On December 13th, their son Caleb James was born. He weighed 10 lbs., 9 oz! Baby, Mom and Dad are doing great!



With Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends of the following who have passed and joined the Church Triumphant:

~ Ronald J. McKay, uncle of JoAnn Isaacson

~ John Blyth, longtime member of our church

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday February 7, 2016

After morning worship

Annual Reports will be available the week prior.

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.

The Season of Epiphany

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the **Twelve Days of Christmas**, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the twelfth day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the **Twelfth Night**. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures ...

... The term *epiphany* means “to show” or “to make known” or even “to reveal.” In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing “reveal” Jesus to the world as Lord and King ...

During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this Feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, and thereby to the whole world.

Today, Christ is manifest to us!

Source: The VOICE, Christian Resource Institute {<http://www.criveoice.org/cyepiph.html>}

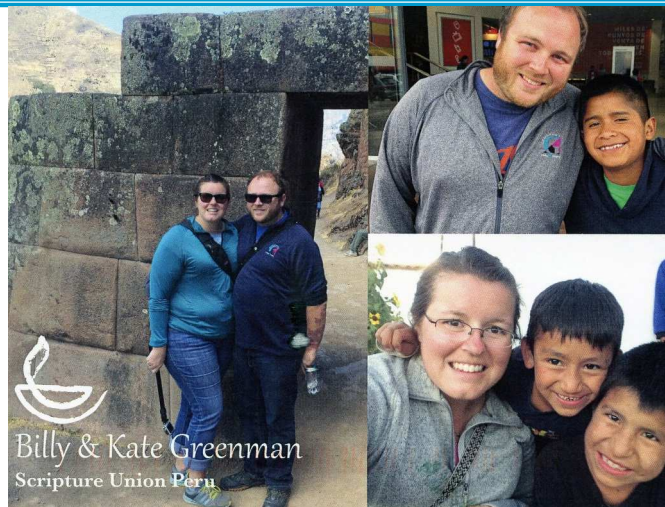


“Adoration of the Magi” at Conception Abby, Conception, Missouri

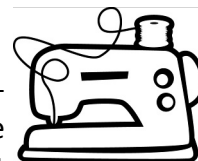
Dear FPCD Family,

We are so thankful for your continued prayers and support. It really is a privilege to work with Scripture Union’s ministry for abandoned and at-risk children! Thank you for helping make this possible! Merry Christmas!

Kate & Billy



SEWING CLASS



The Tuesday sewing class has several openings as we have a few more machines so we invite all who are interested to come in or check in the office to get more information. This is an open class - that means that you do not have to come every Tuesday if you have conflicts. It is open to children as young as 10 and also to adults as young as ????. In the new year I hope to use **one of the days per month** for charitable sewing. So in January we will hem up some baby blankets, in February we will work on making walker bags, etc. So if you wish to only sew for charity we will welcome your help. We will inform you which Tuesday it is. If you would like to hone up your sewing skills or learn some new techniques, if you are already a veteran sewer, you are also welcome. See you in the Sewing Room. ~Olimpia Todor

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE SOON

All Committees, Staff, and Groups wishing to submit an Annual Report for the Congregational Meeting on February 7, 2016, must email them to Vicki Davidson at [vickid-fpcd30@gmail.com](mailto:fpcd30@gmail.com)
by **Monday, January 4, 2016.**

Consider Online Giving during the New Year!

During the holiday season, we extend a warm welcome not only to our current congregation members, but also to their families and friends and to former members of our congregation.

No matter where you live now or how infrequently you attend services, many of you probably have your religious roots here and regard this congregation as your religious home. If you are not making regular donations, we hope that you will consider contributing to the support of our congregation. Your donations now and throughout the year are needed and greatly appreciated.

Consider giving online. The church offers a convenient online giving option that allows donations to be made on a scheduled, automatic basis. We highly recommend this method of giving for visitors, former members and others who wish to support the church on an ongoing basis. Contact **Nancy Setterlun** [Church phone: (313) 274-1313, Extension 15] for information.

Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group



The Sunday night Bible study group plans to discuss Dr. Francis Schaeffer's book, "**How Shall We Then Live?**" (a study of the development of Western Culture from Roman to the present time). It covers the areas of Philosophy, Science, and Religion and explores how our individual world view affects how we act in our times. We will use DVD and a study guide based on the book. Please call Bert Ebi (562-5156) or the Leslie's (336-8238) if you plan to participate.

NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

We will try to accommodate members who need a ride to a medical appointment or Sunday Service. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, 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.

~Nancy Barber, Deacon Moderator.

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



FPC Knitters

Calling all knitters and those who want to learn: Make a New Year's Resolution to join us Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7 pm. Bring whatever project you are working on, or come and learn some basic stitches. Hope to see you! ~Lynn Hoffman



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 Nancy Barber, Deacon Moderator (313) 565-2741.

January Birthdays

- 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
01/11: Elaine Fellows, Kathryn Dobson, Lisa Reiter
01/14: Robert Powanda, Jeffrey Hosmer
01/16: Jane Gibbs, Richard Armstrong
01/17: Margaret Engstrom, 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: Jane Dearth



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 non-returnable 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. Nancy Barber - Deacon Moderator

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- January 3 / - Communion, *The Future Belongs to God*- Rev. Don Wright
January 10 / - *God's Servants*- Rev. Don Wright
January 17 / - *Precious Lord*- Rev. Don Wright
January 24 / - *A Wonder-filled Life*- Rev. Don Wright
January 31 / - *Stressed out?*- Rev. Don Wright

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Our Vision

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Are you praying for a Vision?
Pastor Don

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