



# Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
**February 2012 Newsletter**

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD  
PASTORS WILL PREACH THROUGH THE  
GOSPEL OF MARK IN THE NEW YEAR  
THE ACTION GOSPEL**

## FUN TALENT NIGHT

What a wonderful evening of  
fun and fellowship!  
see photos on page 13



**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, Feb. 5th  
After 10am worship in Sanctuary**

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**Boy Scouts Soup & Salad Fundraiser  
following meeting in Mitchell Hall**



Young Adult  
Ministry  
&  
**CONVERGE**  
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**Giggles & Grub**  
Saturday, March 3 at 5:30pm  
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### **Sunday Morning Adult Classes**

#### Bible Study: Old Testament Leaders

Who were these leaders and what made them special?

Led by Bunny Barr

#### Couples Class: One of Us Must Be Crazy, and I'm Pretty Sure It Is You!"

Understanding how men and women can see the same situation with a very different lens, helps couples communicate more clearly.

Led by Jane Dearth

These classes will continue through Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our Lenten Sunday School class will be: "That One Moment".

This video class will look at people in scripture who encountered Jesus and then in some cases chose to go a different direction. We will reflect on why they might have made their choice and how we can learn from their choices.

### **FISH**

Our FISH class through Feb. 15 is the History of Worship, led by Mark Dearth.

We will look at how worship traditions developed down through the centuries and hope to develop a better understanding of worship, both corporate and individual.

Our Lenten study will be "Gospel in Life". This focuses on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life; first in our heart, our community, and in the world. How does the gospel change your heart, your community, and how you live in the world?

### **Step by Step**

Are you memorizing the weekly scripture verses? I know it is easy to forget or put it off, but keep working at it. Some weeks are easier than others, but you will be blessed by the effort. Here are the verses for Feb and March:

Feb. 5 Psalm 16:11

Feb. 12 1 John 2:3

Feb. 19 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Feb. 26 Ecclesiastes 3:1

March 4 Proverbs 4:23

March 11 Luke 9:23-24

March 18 John 15:9

March 25 Matthew 23:11-12

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator



## Children's Ministry

**Puppet Party**-Mark your calendars! The Puppet Party is coming up on April 21. We're planning something exciting and different this year, so I hope you can join us. If any adults or teens would like to volunteer to help out with the event, please contact Beckie Dicks at (313) 767-5669.



**Children's Church**-With the coming of the new year, we have started a new series in Children's Church. For the next several months, we'll be exploring the story of the Bible. Of course you know the Bible has lots of stories in it. But did you know that there's an over-arching story that we're still participating in today? The kids will have a chance to explore this story through narrative, art, games and more. We're looking forward to the journey!!

**Easter Photo Mosaic**-Children's ministries will be presenting a gift to the church at Easter time this year. We'll be creating a photo mosaic with art work and photographs from our kids. Children are invited to submit as many pictures as they would like. Check out <http://projectsnap.org/online-art-museum-lobby.html> for some examples of mosaics, but be assured that ours will be on a somewhat smaller scale! Children will have the opportunity to create works of art in various classes throughout the week, so no extra commitment is required from parents. However, if your child wants to bring in extra pictures, they're welcome to. Encourage lots of color!

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director

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### Help Needed

Since we moved to one service, our nursery is flowing with children. We have an adult caregiver and usually a youth helper in the nursery each week. Occasionally, it would be helpful to have another adult present (especially if we have infants). If you would be willing to help in the nursery on a last minute basis (we will come and get you as the service begins), please contact Beckie Dicks or Ann Bleivik. It is such a blessing to need more help in the nursery! Can you come and snuggle an infant?

**"Winter is a time of comfort,  
for good food and warmth,  
for the touch of a friendly hand  
and for a talk beside the fire:  
it is the time for home."**

~Edith Sitwell



# GIGGLES & GRUB!

Come to our 4th Annual Giggles & Grub on Saturday March 3rd. Nancy Worcester and her wonderful family of puppets are returning for another evening of fun and fellowship. The event is free and includes dinner for everyone! Nancy is a fabulous storyteller and the kids and adults all enjoy her. Please feel free to bring friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or anyone you think would enjoy a few laughs combined with a thoughtful message. If you have any questions please contact Kim Doverspike at [kim.doverspike@lions.nfl.net](mailto:kim.doverspike@lions.nfl.net).



## Music Corner

It's February already! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Choir will be looking at some major music for Lent and for Easter. **Now would be a great time to join** if you've been thinking about it!

Our Youth Choir and some Youth instrumentalists will help lead worship on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to that! Please come out and support our youth ministries.

**SECOND SUNDAY INSTRUMENTALISTS** – February 12<sup>th</sup> is the second Sunday of the month. We'd love to have all instrumentalists come to the loft and play with the hymns on that Sunday. Violins, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Trumpets, Trombones, whatever! Come and join us at 9:15 in the Choir Loft.

**CHORISTERS' GUILD WINTER CONFERENCE** – Members of our Children's Choir had the opportunity to be members of a demonstration choir for the Choristers' Guild Winter Conference, held at St. Paul's Lutheran here in Dearborn. They got to work with Mary Alice Stollak, a renowned children's choir clinician. Great Job! We'll get to work with her again next year when she comes for the Regional Choristers' Guild Festival.

~Marshall Dicks, Director of Music



# Notes from our Parish Nurse

## Women and Cardiovascular Disease

More women die of cardiovascular disease than from the next four causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer. But 80 percent of cardiac events in women could be prevented if women made the right choices for their hearts involving diet, exercise and abstinence from smoking. Make it your mission to learn all you can about heart attacks and stroke — don't become a statistic. CALL 9-1-1

### **Heart Attack**

A heart attack occurs when the blood flow to a part of the heart is blocked, usually by a blood clot. If this clot cuts off the blood flow completely, the part of the heart muscle supplied by that artery begins to die.

#### **Signs of a Heart Attack:**

- Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
- As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

If you have any of these signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help. Call 9-1-1...Get to a hospital right away.

### **Stroke**

Stroke is the No. 3 cause of death in America. It's also a major cause of severe, long-term disability. Stroke and TIA (transient ischemic attack) happen when a blood vessel feeding the brain gets clogged or bursts. The signs of a TIA are like a stroke, but usually last only a few minutes. If you have any of these signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help.

Call 9-1-1 to get help fast if you have any of these, but remember that not all of these warning signs occur in every stroke.

#### **Signs of Stroke and TIAs**

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take immediate action.

Research from the American Heart Association has shown that if given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

Info taken from: [http://www.goredforwomen.org/about\\_heart\\_disease\\_and\\_stroke.asp](http://www.goredforwomen.org/about_heart_disease_and_stroke.asp)

~Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



## Youth Ministries

The theme for January in 412 and CREW was sports, and we took full advantage of the opportunity to play some! Although Monopoly may not come to your mind as a sport, the middle school students sure got a work out from our Monopoly party! It was an epic battle between the boys and girls. We then moved on to floor hockey and volleyball with CREW and enjoyed some hot dogs. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we started our message series on The 10 Most Common Objections to Christianity. We hit the ground running with the existence of God. A sports movie night and stopping in at the Hockeytown Cafe after Feed the Hungry wrapped up a fun month!

This month our theme is music! We'll kick off February with the Rock & Worship Road show on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The witness of these Christian bands is awesome, and so is their talent. We'll hold a youth worship workshop on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> with vocal, instrumental and media coaches. This will end with a worship time using everything we've learned. Feed the Hungry is again on the third Sunday of the month, and all are invited to join us! February will wrap up with Coffee House Refresh (CHR) for the students, served by adult volunteers. Our goal is to establish CHR as a place to relax with friends, and this month's focus is the students. Thank you for your prayers and support as we guide our students to feel God's Love, fear His Holiness and enjoy His Identity.

God Bless You, Jonathan and Mike

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### **OUR QUIET TREASURE- THE TREASURE CHEST**

A few years ago (quite a few!) a group of women from the church decided to start a fundraising activity for the church. They decided on a resale shop and the Treasure Chest was born. This shop is a place where you can bring your no-longer needed clothing, housewares, Christmas decorations, linens, furniture, shoes & boots, window treatments, and just about anything which is still useful with the exception of refrigerators, stoves, and televisions. We will take children's toys but we cannot sell them because that is no longer legal unless they are sterilized and checked for heavy metal contaminants. What we do is give them away for free. And, yes, we have tax vouchers. Because the items are priced very reasonably, our brothers and sisters out there who need some help can shop for needed items at a very small cost. The proceeds from this shop are used entirely for church projects. As an example, our elevator is one such project. The children's Christmas shopping venture is another. If you have not visited the shop, you will find us on the lower level at the end of the hallway next to the sanctuary every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

I think you will agree that this is a marvelous way of recycling, but it takes many hands to make it work. Our staff is dwindling due to relocation, death, or just not being able to do the work anymore. So we are asking for help. Do you have 2-3 hours a month that you can give? The working conditions are great and the result of your labor will be greatly appreciated by all those who shop with us. If you can help, please call me at (313) 336-2772 or Helen Kane at (313) 562-8424.

Yours in Christ, Olimpia Todor

## Musings from Pastor Mike - February 2012



**Ministry** – I am thoroughly enjoying the challenges that Pastor Dave has and is offering me, so that I might grow as a CLP. From mid-January until late March, we will be working together to investigate the entire gospel of Mark. Pastor Dave is challenging both of us to preach, chapter by chapter, while relating each facet and “scene” of an individual chapter, into a tapestry of one sermon. Most of the time, pastors pick and choose, usually tying together two scenes at the most, or relating a scene with a personal story. John Mark’s source of information for his writing is the eyewitness account of the Apostle Peter, and Mark communicates it by using a writing style that captures the impulsive and action-oriented personality of Peter. Mark uses the “historic present” for events that took place in the past, to make his readers feel like these events are happening today, as well as make them feel like they are right there on the scene. I look forward to preaching and attempting to weave together an entire chapter in a way that best conveys Mark’s message to all of you.

**Converge Young Adult Ministry** – Our core-team of Christie, Jonathan, Steven, Lewis and myself have met and have sketched out our goals for this year and have specifically planned for January and February Converge events. For both months Peter Bankwitz will be offering a video/discussion class using exciting materials from Pastor Francis Chan. We will be going out into the metro-Detroit community to offer up a hot meal to our friends on the street who are hungry, as well as host a Christian movie night. Bangkok 96 recently offered up a donation of dinner for our *Converge* participants one evening and we are looking for a different restaurant each month to give Christie a much deserved, one night-off from working in the kitchen.

Our Friday Breakfast-Bible Study group has now grown to 11 young men and me who meet from 8-10 AM each week to study the Bible as we read through it on a one-year plan. Praise God that He is so faithful and has rewarded us so abundantly. Thanks also to DNA for the fabulous volleyball equipment and for advertising in the Dearborn Guide to kick off the New Year of 2012...DNA rocks!

~God’s Peace, Mike Hoffman, CLP

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### Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study

**PW Bible Study** - Will NOT meet on January 26<sup>th</sup> or February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Class will resume on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the North Parlor.

~Lorraine Lamkin

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# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach & Missions-SP 7:00pm-9:00pm AdultChoir-Sanct.,Turco
5 <b>Communion/Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am WorshipService- Sanctuary</b> <b>11:00am Annual Congregational Mtg.</b> 11:30am-1:30pm B. Scout Soup&Salad Lunch- MH, Kit. 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm Sun.EveBibleStudy-BertEbi's	6 7:00pm-9:00pm GreetingCard-R12 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Board- Turco Room 7:30pm-9:00pm BoyScoutTroop-YC 8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	7 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:00pm-9:00pm AdultChoir-Sanct.Turco
12 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am WorshipService-Sanctuary</b> <b>11:00am Peru Homemade Candy Sale- Narthex</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm Sun.EveBibleStudy-BertEbi's	13 11:30am-2:00pm GardenClub-MH 7:00pm-8:00pm Deacons- R12 7:00pm NAMI- NP 7:30pm-9:00pm BoyScoutTroop-YC 8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	14 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30am-11:30am Prayers & Squares 7:00pm-9:00pm CE Committee- NP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm <b>PROGRAM Staff- SP</b> 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:00pm-9:00pm AdultChoir- Sanct.Turco
19 <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am WorshipService- sanctuary</b> <b>11am Girl Scout Cookie Booth</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm Sun.EveBibleStudy-BertEbi's	20 7:30pm-9:00pm BoyScoutTroop-YC 8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	21 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 5:30pm-6:30pm Finance- SP <b>6:30pm SESSION/COORD.COUNCILNP</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00am-1:00pm Keenagers- off site 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:15pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:00pm-9:00pm AdultChoir- Sanct.,Turco
26 <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am WorshipService-Sanctuary</b> <b>11am Girl Scout Cookie Booth</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm Sun.EveBibleStudy-BertEbi's	27 2-4pm Homeschool Class- MH, Kit. 7:00pm NAMI- NP 7:30pm-9:00pm BoyScoutTroop-YC 8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	28 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30am-11:30am Prayers & Squares 7:00pm-8:00pm Technology- R12 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH  <b>4:00pm Presbytery-Detroit, Fort Street</b>	10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:15pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:00pm-9:00pm AdultChoir- Sanct.Turco

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	No PW Bible Study 11:00am-3:30pm B.B.Seniors-MH,Kit. 6:00pm-7:00pm Personnel- SP	2	3	Set up Communion 9am-10:30am DNA- R16 3-10pm <b>Converge-</b> K., YL, YC, 2A 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH
8	10:00am-11:30am PW BibleStudy-NP 11:00am-3:30pm B.B.Seniors-MH,Kit. 11:00am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 7:30pm-9:00pmPraiseBand-Sanctuary	9	10	11 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- NP 3-10pm <b>Converge-</b> K.,YL,YC,2A  DEADLINE FOR VISION
15	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH Kit 1:00pm-3:00pm Lydia Martha Mary-NP 7:30pm-9:00pm PraiseBand-Sanctuary	16	17	18 8:30am-4:00pm Presbytery LeadershipTraining Event- ALL ROOMS 3-10pmConverge-K.,YL,YC,2A  No other events due to Presbytery Event (No PW Board) (No DNA) (No Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp.)
22	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study-NP 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors-MH,Kit 5:30pm-9:00pmBoyScoutCouncilMH,Kit NP, SP 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band-Sanctuary	23	24	25 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night 3-10pm <b>Converge-</b> K.,YL,YC,2A
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## All Day Scrapbooking, Card Making & Craft Day

When: Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
600 North Brady St, Dearborn MI 48124  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration Fee (Received BEFORE 2/14/12): \$40

Registration Fee (Received AFTER 2/14/12): \$45

Registration includes personal 8 ft. table space, breakfast, lunch and a delicious dinner. Consultants from different crafting vendors will be performing demonstrations throughout the day and offering scrapbook supplies for sale. We will also have raffle items and a special raffle for a Cricut die cut machine!!

All proceeds from the event will benefit ChristNet, a local rotating night shelter and permanent daytime shelter for the homeless, located in the downriver communities.

To register or for more information, please contact  
Jeni Cole at 313.792.8224 or [jlcole71@att.net](mailto:jlcole71@att.net)

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*Come home  
to God's love*

**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.**

**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](mailto:vickid@firstpresdearborn.org).** Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. Boxes are also available in the church office for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

# Around the World

## Missions in Madagascar



One of our missions initiatives is the support of Dan and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar. They are mission specialists who provide support in the areas of community health, agriculture, and safe drinking water. You can read more about their ministry at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/turk-daniel-and-elizabeth>.



## Amanda Brailsford-Urbina *One Amazing Career*

Amanda Brailsford-Urbina, daughter of Alan and Jose Brailsford, has spent two decades progressing in increasingly demanding roles within HR at tertiary care hospitals, as well as HR leadership positions. She presently leads HR in Weill Cornell Medical College at Qatar Foundation-sponsored Education City. Amanda's role is one she cherishes. She summarizes the job function this way: "We are blessed with a highly diverse and talented team of faculty and staff from around the world and our job in HR is to make their lives easier and provide them with the support they need before, during, and after their employment here in Qatar. Certainly some of the things we deal with, we could say, 'this is beyond our job description,'

but the truth is, we are in a foreign country and we want our employees to feel comfortable and be productive so we need to be there for them to help them in ways that are far beyond a typical HR role." Read her story at <http://www.acs-alumni.co.uk/page.cfm?p=640>.

## Prayer & Wholeness Service



**IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PRAYER AND WHOLENESS SERVICES** - Information regarding these services for 2012 will be forthcoming.

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### Thanks from Alan Brailsford

Dear Friends,

I would like to add to my Thank You note that appeared in The Vision by correcting one glaring omission, namely the lack of mention of the wonderful care and nurturing freely given by Jose, my beloved wife. ~Alan

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### Mission Sewing

To all of you wonderful stitchers out there, a big thank you for helping to hem up many baby blankets last year. Our sewing day for this year is coming up fast and furious. It will be, as usual, on the second Tuesday of March. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and help to make more blankets available to those lovely babies. Last year we sent out 21 blankets. It would be great if we could increase that this year. I have lots of flannel so all that is needed is YOU. Thank you and God bless. ~Olimpia Todor

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### Sample-size Toiletries

We are requesting sample sizes of toiletries such as one gets at hotels. We are making 9"X12" tote bags for ChristNet and would like to fill them with hygiene items. The bags will be offered to our Christnet visitors for their personal use. We already have 36 toothpaste's & promises of toothbrushes, but could use soap, shampoo, etc. Items can be dropped in a box that has been placed in the coat room next to the usher's room. Thank you for supporting this important ministry program. ~Dottie Kennedy

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**Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life?** In addition to the cold weather outside,

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

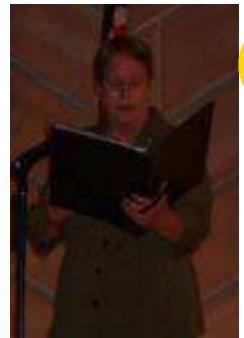


many people experience "winters" in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem.

Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Art Hughes (313-383-2589) or Chris Mayer (313-562-1943). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



***FUN  
TALENT  
NIGHT!***



**"I could have been a  
contender!"**

**WOW !!!**



**LIGHTS, ACTION, FUN !!**



## 3 Thank You

Dear friends,

I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful times we shared on my visit during the holiday season. Bless all of you. I can honestly say that First Church truly is a place where one can “come home to God’s love.”

~Deloris Anderson



**“Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”**

*Matthew 4:4 (Deuteronomy 8:3)*

Our text is Jesus' response to Satan's first temptation. Satan tempted Jesus to transform stones into bread to reduce the pain of hunger from His forty day fast (*Matthew 4:2*). Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 where God let Israel experience hunger and then fed them manna so they might learn to trust Him for provision. Jesus knew God's Word was a more significant source of sustenance than temporal food. Jesus' stand against Satan's temptations strengthened Him for His mission, and He was then sustained in God's way by angels (*Matthew 4: 11; Psalm 91:11, 12*).

God directs our lives to bless us and make us more like Christ. *Proverbs 3:6* teaches that we are to acknowledge God in all our ways and He will make straight our paths. Satan tempts us to avoid the painful discipline of God's lessons in this life. If we succumb to Satan, we waste life, forfeit blessings, and weaken our discipleship. Following God's Word is our best defense against sinful temptations.

The faithful learn to be blessed by obeying God's will in all decisions and in the difficulties He allows. *Psalm 119* teaches, “If your word had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction” (verse 92); “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (verse 105); and “Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble” (verse 165). The *First Psalm* adds how the Godly man's delight is in the law of the Lord on which he meditates day and night, and by so doing, he prospers (*Psalm 1:2, 3*).

“All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (“*2 Timothy 3:16*). Live by God's Word (and prayer).

~ John Holden

## Our Costumes GOT Help!!

Last month we mentioned that we needed help with sorting through our old costumes to do and inventory and do repairs where possible:

Thank you to **Nancy DeHamer**. She helped sort through the costumes that were downstairs in storage. Many were covered in mold, smelled mildewy, were frayed beyond repair, etc. Nancy washed and repaired many of the others. It was a smelly job and Nancy willingly tackled it. Thanks Nancy.

Thank you to the **men's fellowship** group for washing out all the bins that hold the costumes.

What a joy to have people willing to help with messy jobs. ~Ann Bleivik

**Church Triumphant:** Long-time member, Olton "Bud" Apeseche, went home to be with the Lord on January 11, 2012. We will miss his kind and gentlemanly ways.



*Births: Congratulations to Kara and Michael Moore on the birth of their son, Samuel Lewis Moore. Samuel was born on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, weighed 3lb., 1oz., and was 15 inches long. Proud grandparents are Lorraine and Herb Lamkin.*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02/02: Deborah Samuel
- 02/03: Vernita Miller, Sheri Gentinne
- 02/04: Julia Casey
- 02/05: Maude Todd, Del Wolter  
Toni Barr
- 02/06: June Schwesinger
- 02/07: Bobby Fuller, Riley Wolter
- 02/08: Edward Riopelle
- 02/09: Valerie Abramouski
- 02/10: Ashley Barr
- 02/11: John Barr, Janet Proctor  
Marie Stephanie Shearer
- 02/14: Anne Westby
- 02/15: Alton Long
- 02/16: Janet Witkowski
- 02/17: Deloris Anderson, Caroline Bristol
- 02/18: Paula Doan, Lauren Setterlun
- 02/22: Betty King, Austin Reid
- 02/24: Roland Mniece, Carole Higgins
- 02/28: Delphine Sefcik, Sally Pray

## New Logo Name Tags

 Name tags with our new cross logo may be ordered in February. This is a good way for all of us to get to know each other. **Order forms will be included in the Sunday bulletin.**

Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- February 5 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- February 12/ - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- February 19 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- February 26 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

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**Are you praying for Vision?**  
**Pastor Dave**