



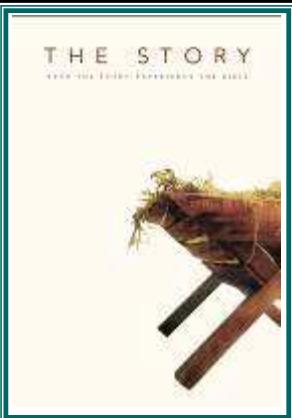
Come home
to God's love

Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
February 2013 Newsletter



Thurs. Feb 14th



"The Story"

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

Please join us on our journey:

Sundays- 9am, Mitchell Hall
10am, Worship
Wed Evening- 6:45pm S. Parlor

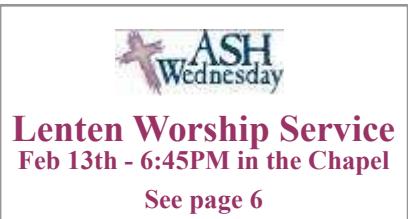


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Giggles & Grub
Saturday, March 2, 5:00pm

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Lenten Worship Service
Feb 13th - 6:45PM in the Chapel

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Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 3rd
After 10am worship in Sanctuary
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Boy Scouts Soup & Salad Fundraiser
following meeting in Mitchell Hall

Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

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Sunday Morning Adult Class

The Story – We continue our study of God's Word through The Story. We meet each Sunday at 9 am in Mitchell Hall. We begin with a light breakfast, followed by a brief video and discussion. Our themes for February will be:

2-3	The Return Home	Ezra
2-10	The Queen of Beauty & Courage	Esther
2-17	Rebuilding the Walls	Nehemiah
2-24	The birth of the King	Jesus

As you see, we will be finishing our look at the Old Testament with the exiles returning to Jerusalem and rebuilding the city and the Temple. Then we move into the New Testament and begin our study of the Life of Jesus.

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We are offering 2 adult classes this winter.

One is **The Story**. This class covers the same material that the Sunday class will cover, but is aimed at those who are not able to attend Sunday mornings. We cover the chapter that will be studied the following Sunday. This class meets in the South Parlor.

Our second class is **"You Lost Me"**, led by Brian and Chris Mayer. This video/discussion class is focusing on why young adults are leaving the church (everywhere) and what we at FPCD can do to be more welcoming of young adults and meet their spiritual needs. This class meets in the North Parlor.

Our Lenten Study

Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 13th, Pastor Mike will be facilitating a video/discussion class called **Not A Fan** by Pastor Kyle Idleman, Teaching Minister of Southeast Christian Church/Louisville, KY. This exciting class is a 6 week journey that will deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ while deepening your relationships with the members of the class. Don't be a *fan*, be a *follower* of Christ.

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. 3	Matthew 19:6	March 3	Psalm 90:12
Feb. 10	Matthew 5:6	March 10	Proverbs 16:16
Feb. 17	1 Peter 5:6-7	March 17	Galatians 5:22-23
Feb. 24	James 2:17	March 24	Proverbs 22:6
		March 31	Luke 24:1-6



~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

Children's Ministry

VBS 2013

Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love. Learn the jaw-dropping story of the *Apostle Paul* straight from Paul himself! In an ancient “anything goes” culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's immeasurable love today!



Planning has begun! Talk to Beckie Dicks if you would like to be involved in the early stages of VBS planning for 2013.

Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



Touch of Hope Christmas Offering

Thanks to all who touched the lives of our Touch of Hope families during the Christmas season.

Many people did their part to make the Touch of Hope Christmas Offering a success. Bob Szczechura used his computer skills to help prepare for the angel adoption. Jan Cobb made personal beautiful cards for each of our families. Volunteers who helped with preparation and the angel adoption process were Bonnie Andrew, Nancy DeHamer, Sue Ingram, Margie Maurer, Carol McFadden, Charlene Reid, Tracie Szczechura, and Jan Witkowski. Gift sorting was done by Sue Ingram, Margie Maurer, Charlene Reid, Sue Sullivan, Tracie Szczechura and Nancy DeHamer. Food sorting was completed by, Nancy DeHamer, Ian Higgins, Dorinda Hughes and her friend Dawn, Mike and Margie Maurer, Christie Smith, Gene Smith, Sue Sullivan, Bob and Tracie Szczechura, Anne Witkowski, and Lori Wyatt. Wendy Palmer and Lori Mathews did a great job with set-up for sorting on both Sundays.

Generous church members purchased 90 gifts at an approximate total cost of \$2,370. Our families are very appreciative and many thanks go to those who adopted angels.

Thanks to the congregation members who also donated food, personal care items, and paper products to be distributed to the fourteen families. People who donated money toward the Christmas offering are always deeply appreciated.

As always, the sponsors are the heart of this program and without their involvement, time, and commitment through the year Touch of Hope Ministry would not be a reality. The personal contact and the delivery of food and gifts is a great way to share God's love and faith by example.

This has been a difficult year for many of our families. They are all grateful for the many generous people in our church family who brightened their celebration of Christmas. Touch of Hope continues to appreciate all that has been done by many to support the ministry.

~Margie Johnston-Maurer

Giggles & Grub!

Come to our 5th Annual Giggles & Grub on Saturday March 2nd. 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.doverspike1@gmail.com.



We invite you to join us for this special Lenten concert:
Sunday, March 17th
4:00pm
In our Sanctuary



Baby Grace
Congratulations to Dorinda and Jeremy Hughes on the birth of their granddaughter, Grace!



70th Wedding Anniversary!
Congratulations to Clara and Eugene Smith who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary!

Musings from Pastor Mike

Pastoral Duties: It is always a blessing to be able to share a message that God has laid on my heart with my family of faith through a Saturday evening Converge worship, Sunday morning worship service, or in a Pastoral Prayer. While I may only have an opportunity to prepare 12 messages at Converge and maybe 4 or 5 chances to preach during Sunday worship each year, it is a blessing never the less. It also makes me realize the huge amount of time Pastor Dave puts into preparing a sermon almost every week, and sometimes, multiple sermons per week during Advent and Lent! My pastoral duties have focused mainly on mentoring young adult males and young adult couples, as well as preparing for the international Peru Mission Trip. I thank God, my church family, and Pastor Dave for guidance, and sometimes a strong push, to do what God is calling me to do, as opposed to what I may want to do, at any particular moment.

Young Adult Ministries: *Converge* continues in its new format of dinner and *Extravagant Worship* the first Saturday of each month and dinner and educational opportunities the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of each month. We have had mature adult visitors from other churches who are in leadership roles to see what we are all about as well as many young adults from our own surrounding community. Early this month the Detroit Presbytery has picked *Converge* as one of a handful of exciting programs to showcase at the Leadership Retreat held at First Dearborn. Thanks to Jonathan Mallard, Converge Discipleship Director; Laura Wolfe as Cook and Ladies Kitchen Bible Study Leader; volunteer Musical Lead Worshippers Lewis and Steven Britz, and musicians Mike Pierfederici, John Semeniuk, Marcus Regan, Tommy and Brie Bourke, Rich DeGrand, Krista Calcut, Don Stanfill, and Peter Bankwitz; technicians, Peter Bankwitz, Chris Masouredis, Andrew Meyer, and Ralph Evangelista; and teachers/facilitators, Jonathan and myself for putting together a stellar young adult experience each week! Jonathan and I both facilitate Bible Studies during the week as well as engage in one-on-one mentoring experiences for individuals. It was very rewarding after my sermon on mentoring in late December to hear from so many of you and your resolution to step into a person's life as their mentor. God is good!

Bible on the Boulevard, Baby!: Sue Young and I continue to pick up Bryce Norwood, David Carlson, Marcus Franklin, and Sarah Stormzand each week at 8:30 AM to venture out to one of Dearborn's fine breakfast dining spots for a meal, video, lesson and activity that follows what we as a church family are studying each week in *The Story*. These teens are amazing!

May God bless you all during this year of 2013 and remember, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." –Philippians 4:6. God promises to bless all ministries that bring him glory. –Amen!

~God's Peace - Pastor Mike



Music Corner

Welcome to February! This is the month that we start Lent, and our Reflective Journey towards Easter. We have some amazing musical opportunities during Lent, including our Lenten Concert on March 17th and our Holy Week Services, including a Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday, March 28.

Also During the month of March, we will be hosting the Choristers' Guild Children and Youth Choirs Festival. This will happen on March 9th here at the church. At the end of the day, at 3:00pm there will be a short concert, open to the public. Please come and support our Children's and Youth Choirs!

The 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. The Children's and Youth Choirs will also be singing in the concert. Please mark your calendars for this special event! (see page 13)

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

See you in church! In Christ, ~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

Lenten Mid-week Worship Services

Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Chapel

(Come for dinner at FISH at 6:00pm)



Giving in lieu of Per Capita Payments

In keeping with our church's commitment to support faith-based initiatives, our church will be contributing to the following mission opportunities, in lieu of our annual Per Capita payment:

- The Second Mile Center
- Campus Ministries at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University
- The Elizabeth and Dan Turk and children Mission to Madagascar.

We are prayerful that our position demonstrates our commitment to those programs within the PCUSA which we believe reflect the glory of God and serve His world.

Treasure Chest News

The Treasure Chest is now open every Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm. Due to the generosity of our members, we have lots of good stuff of every kind to sell. Do drop in and browse around. You just may find that item for which you have been searching at a price you will not be able to resist. We are located in the lower level in the Sanctuary area. Hope to see you soon. ~The Treasure Chest staff.



♪♪♪ Thank You ♪♪♪

Just a note of thanks to the Treasure Chest~

A need fulfilled- *The four boxes of baby clothes filled a need at the Clothes Closet at Church of the Holy Trinity in Novi. They were so grateful! They have a social worker on site who interviews the families. Those who shop free are truly in need of help. I'm thankful you were willing to pass the clothes on to those families.*

Helping the world- *The medical equipment from the Rummage Sale was delivered to World Medical Relief by Dearborn Outer Dr. Kiwanis. The items were shipped to 3rd world countries who are in need of them. The Kiwanis and their Key Club occasionally help to sort medical items at their site. I just wanted you to know how far reaching your mission is.*

Thanks,
Jan Cobb

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Bible study continues its regular schedule on Thursdays. Meeting time is 10:00-11:30a.m. (North Parlor). We are continuing 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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February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Annual Cong. Meeting 11am-1pm Boy Scout Soup & Salad Lunch- MH (K) 3:30pm-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30pm-5:00pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5:00-6:00pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6:00pm-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6:7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg- R16, R12 7:00pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	7pm Men's Fellowship Board- Turco 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:00pm-9:00pm Greeting Card- R14 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm CE Committee- NP 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	5 10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm ALL Staff- SP 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- R 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach & Mission 7:00pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct., R
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Notes from our Parish Nurse

“His Instruction Manual... Our Guidebook for a Healthy Life”

The Bible is designed by God to provide us a blueprint for living life. It's like an owner's manual for a piece of exercise equipment. We can make the best use of the equipment if we read the owner's manual so we are aware of how to use all the special capabilities and how all the "buttons and whistles" work. When it breaks down, we can look in the manual to know how to repair it. One secret to living an abundant life, according to Warren Wiersbe, is obeying God. As we live our lives according to God's principles we will be in His presence more frequently and this empowers us to bear more fruit in our lives. If we desire to obey God, then reading his Word is essential. The more we read and study the Bible the more knowledgeable we can become about how to live our life according to His principles and commandments.

What the Bible Says: There is a chapter of the Bible that tells us the benefits of living according to His principles more than any other chapter - Psalm 119. In the 176 verses of this chapter, the words such as principles, decrees, commandments and laws are used 156 times as the author writes about how God blesses him as he lives according to the principles of God. Happiness, joy, a renewed life, hope, freedom, understanding, comfort, wisdom, peace and health are some of the blessings mentioned that the author received and that we can have if we live as God instructs us to live in the Bible.

Two verses that apply to health are as follows: "I will never forget your commandments for you have used them to restore my joy and health." (verse 93) "As pressure and stress bear down on me I find joy in your commands." (verse 143) James captures the essence of the value of reading the Bible and obeying God's principles when he wrote "But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." James 1:25.

What the Research Says: I have yet to find medical research that suggests explicitly that obedience to God's Bible promotes good health. However, if you read Psalm 119 you will see that following His principles will bring many blessings that are apt to impact on health. When you experience joy, happiness and peace on a regular basis, you are very likely to live in better emotional and physical health. It just makes sense. And, according to the Bible, when we follow the principles and commandments of God we will experience these sorts of blessings.

What You Can Do: Grow deeper and deeper in love with God as you read the Bible and know Him better. A deeper love for Him will give you a greater desire to follow His commandments. Read Psalm 119 in a contemporary translation. If you don't own a contemporary version, visit www.biblegateway.com and read the New Living Translation. Ask God to reveal to you the benefits He wants you to receive personally as you obey his principles. Be aware of how reading the Bible on a regular basis impacts on your day-to-day attitude and your emotional well being. Recognize how this ongoing positive state of emotional health impacts your physical health. The middle three letters of the word obedience are "die." To be able to follow God's commandments requires that we "die" to ourselves and live for God. This is not easy because we are selfish in nature and it's a big risk to believe and trust that His ways are bigger and better for us than our ways. But the Bible makes it clear. Over and over it reminds us that when we disobey His principles, we are likely to suffer negative consequences in our life. When we follow God's ways, we will have life... the kind of life that Jesus mentions in John 10:10 when He tells us that He came so that we might have life to the fullest. © 2007 Dale Fletcher, M.S. Dale Fletcher is a speaker, writer and health coach who lives in Charlotte, NC. This article appears in Faith and Fitness Magazine, Aug/Sept 2007, www.faithandfitness.net. Connect with him at www.faithandhealthconnection.com.

All Day Scrapbooking, Card Making & Craft Day

When: Saturday March 16th, 2013

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
600 North Brady St, Dearborn MI 48124

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration Fee (Before March 14th): \$40

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!

This is a fundraising event.

There is a maximum of 33 tables, so get yours early!

To register or for more information, please contact
Jeni Cole at 313.792.8224 or jlcole1971@gmail.com

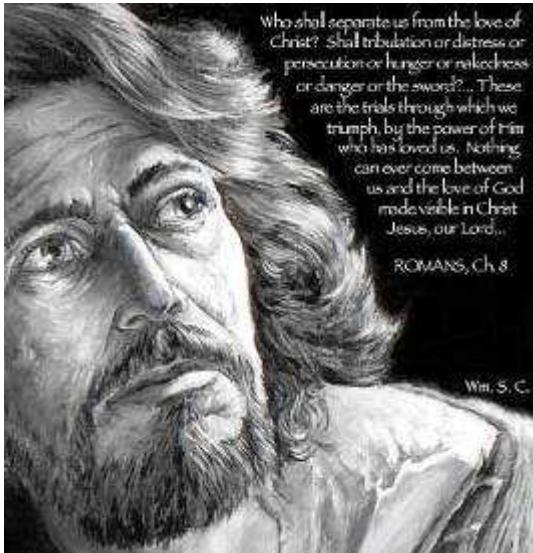
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Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at vickid@firstpresdearborn.org. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via 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.



A Lenten Inspiration
Painting by Will Cardell
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

As we prepare for Lent...

Lent is an observance of the liturgical year, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter. In most Western denominations Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (this year, Feb. 13th) to Maundy Thursday {Holy Thursday} (this year, March 28th).

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer—through prayer, penance, repentance, and self-denial. Its purpose is heightened in the commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death and resurrection of Jesus, which culminates in the celebration on Easter Sunday of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. [Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lent)

PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

9:00AM—3:35PM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013

For the Sixth Consecutive Year FPC Will Host This Event

JOIN US as an attendee—Lunch and materials~ \$15

OR

- ◆ As a volunteer greeting visitors and assisting with registration.
- ◆ Work as long as you choose. Free lunch, materials and classes.
- ◆ Majority of volunteers needed between 8:15AM and 9:15AM.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



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!



Fun Talent Night!

"Honest Abe"



Excitement!!!



Pow! ☹



*Most creative
dessert!!!*



What's for lunch??



**Thank You,
One and All!**



*Great
Music*



The Next Great Idea!



Photos by Ivan Doverspike

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

Join us on 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.



So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. *Galatians 5:16*

How can Christians live godly lives despite our sinful nature (*Rom. 7:5; Eph. 2:1 – 3*) with its evil desires and resistance to God's Word? To do so, Paul says we must live by the Holy Spirit, who indwells all believers (*Rom. 8:9, 13; 1 Cor. 6:17-20*). What does it mean to "live by the Spirit?"

One thing it means is that our attempt to live godly lives by our own power, such as, self-denial, taking oaths, or law, will fail. Paul describes his own struggle, frustration, and result in Romans 7:4-25. We cannot overcome lusts of the flesh by the powers of the flesh -- we need spiritual help!

Walking in the Spirit is living under the Spirit's influence and divine power, listening for His leading and responding to it. The more we realize our dependence on the Spirit, pray for His guidance, and learn from God's Word, the more we will be able to hear, understand, and follow His leading. In this process, our lives will reflect the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (*Gal. 5:22,23*).

The Christian life is a journey from salvation into sanctification and ultimately, glorification. God, who will bring us home (*Jude 24*), provides our salvation in Christ and gives us resources to mature (*2 Peter 1:2-4*), including the path to love (*2 Peter 1:5-8*). God's armor for overcoming spiritual attacks (*Eph. 6:10-18*) includes: truth, righteousness, the good news, faith, salvation, God's Word, and prayer.

All Christians live in spiritual tension between godliness and the sinful human nature (*2 Tim. 3:12; John 16:33*). Engaging in that struggle with help from the Holy Spirit strengthens us (*James 1:2-8; Heb. 5:14; Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Cor. 10:12, 13*), making us more Christ-like for our glorification (*Rom. 8:29, 30*). We can then realize how much we have been blessed and how minor our sufferings really were (*Rom. 8:18*).
May God bless you as you walk with Him,
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."

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our December college graduates,

- ~ Anne Dearth (masters)
- ~ Travis Yarrington
- ~ Anne Witkowski

Godspeed in your future endeavors!

Thank You

We inadvertently neglected to acknowledge **Christie Smith** for her dedicated service in preparing FISH dinners on Wednesday evenings. Her delicious meals are a wonderful way to begin this evening of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

February 3 / - Communion, *The Story* Chapter 19

February 10 / - *The Story* Chapter 20

February 17 / - *The Story* Chapter 21, First Sunday in Lent

February 24 / - *The Story* Chapter 22, Children's Series Begins

February



- 02/02: Deborah Samuel
- 02/03: Vernita Miller, Sheri Gentinne
- 02/04: Julia Casey, Marsha Mistecki
- 02/05: Maude Todd, Del Wolter
Toni Barr
- 02/06: Evelyn Sadler, 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
- 02/20: Susan Nightingale
- 02/22: Betty King, Austin Reid
- 02/24: Roland Mniece, Carole Higgins
- 02/28: Delphine Sefcik, Sally Pray,
Patricia MacDonald

Noteworthy

- Presby. Leadership Training — Sat. Feb. 2nd
- Annual Congregational Meeting — Sun. Feb. 3rd
- Covenant House 'Open House' — Sat. Feb. 9th
(Info. at www.CovenantHouse.org)
- Ash Wednesday — Feb. 13th
- King of Kings movie — Sun. Feb. 17th

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