



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
February 2014 Newsletter



*Happy
Valentines Day*

Friday, Feb. 14th



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
6pm dinner; 6:45pm classes
Guest Teacher— Rev. Doug Campbell

Coming soon...



Giggles & Grub
Saturday, March 8,
5:00pm
See page 4

Fun / Talent Night



Saturday, Feb. 1st - 5:00pm
See page 4

Annual Congregational Meeting & Boy Scout Soup & Salad Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb 2nd after worship
Stay for the meeting (in the Sanctu-
ary) and then proceed to Mitchell
Hall for the Boy Scout Soup and
Salad Fundraiser Luncheon.



**Young Adult Ministry
in the
Neighborhood**
See page 7

Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Class

The Sermon on the Mount – This class follows the same weekly theme that we have in worship on Sunday mornings. We are looking at the Old Testament and New Testament scriptures that will help us understand what Jesus is saying and why. Join us Sunday mornings as we seek to learn how we can better live the way Jesus wants us to live. We are called to be salt and light to the world. These lessons will help us understand how to do that in reference to our daily lives. We meet in the North Parlor at 9am.

FISH

Our adult class this winter is: “parables in reverse”

This class is led by guest teacher, Rev. Doug Campbell. Doug grew up in this church and has many fond memories of his time here. Join us Wednesdays at 6:45pm for his wonderful lessons on what the parables would look like today. This class runs through February 3rd.

Lenten offering: Our Lenten/spring class will be led by Mark Dearth, from March 5th – May 14. **“Crazy Love”** by Francis Chan will be the topic for this discussion class.

New Adventure- Lenten Small Group Study:

This Lent we invite everyone to participate in a new short-term adventure, a six week study of the life of Joseph. This series, **“you’ll get through this”** by Max Lucado uses Joseph’s life to help us learn to trust God in the midst of our trials and struggles. This is truly a study for everyone. We invite everyone, including all of our current small groups, to commit to this 6 week adventure. Small groups provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for Christians to study God’s Word and to share life’s struggles. You will be blessed through God’s Word, by sharing and supporting each other in their daily lives, and by praying for one another.

If you are willing to be a host and/or leader of a group, please contact Ann Bleivik. Sign-ups for groups will begin Feb. 9th. Each group will meet weekly for 6 weeks during Lent, beginning March 5th. We anticipate offering daytime and evening groups that can meet in homes or at the church. Stay tuned.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator



Many thanks to everyone at the church for praying for Sandy’s mother, Norma Bak, who had sustained injuries to her leg in a fall. The cards, prayers and words of support were greatly appreciated during this challenging time. Thanks for caring.

Ken Stivenson and Sandy Bak

Children's Ministry

Hey kids! Check out the children's section of our [church library](#). We've got a great selection of fiction for children. Come check out a book. If you read it and write a description, we'll post it - on the bulletin board, or maybe even in the church newsletter!



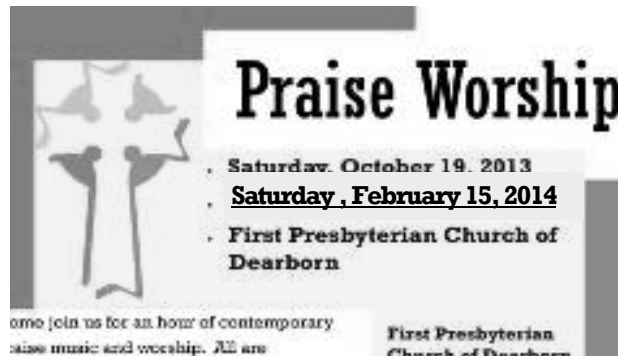
On **Sunday mornings**, we are continuing to learn about the Sermon on the Mount. It's a great piece of literature with iconic references, such as "turn the other cheek," and "salt of the earth." But most importantly, it's a description of God's kingdom on earth - unexpected, challenging, sometimes upside-down, and infused with the power of God. Come learn with us! Our kids enjoy songs, games, stories, crafts and more.

In our **Wednesday Night FISH class**, we're almost done reading *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis. It's been a wonderful journey, and I think we'll all be sad to see it come to a close. Happily though, we'll have lots to do as the year winds down. We have a Lenten presentation to plan, and we're looking forward to sharing what we've learned during the Mother's Day service.

VBS Dates: July 14-18. Please mark your calendars!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

Contemporary Praise Music and Prayer Event



We will be hosting another of our praise and prayer events on Saturday, February 15th starting at 4:30 PM. 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.

Giggles & Grub!

Come to our 6th Annual Giggles & Grub on Saturday March 8th. 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! Dinner at 5:00pm; Showtime at 5:30pm. 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.



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.

Dinner: 5:00pm

Showtime: 5:30pm



Lenten Devotional Booklet

We will be creating a Lenten Devotional Booklet this year. If you are interested in writing one of the daily devotions, please sign up in the Narthex. Devotions should consist of 250-350 words, and must fit on one half of an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet.



Please email your devotional to Vicki Davidson as a Microsoft Word document at vickidfpd30@gmail.com. **The deadline to submit a devotional is Friday, February 7th.**

Questions? Contact me in the office at (313)274-1313. Thank you. Vicki Davidson.

Our sincere condolences to:

The family and friends of Selma Upplegger (mother of Sheryl Matthews) who passed away January 4th.

The family and friends of Jack Williams (father of Lori Wyatt) who passed away January 7th.

The family and friends of Jean Nunn (step-mother of Janet Witkowski) who passed away January 11th.

The family and friends of Doug Setterlun (father of Dave Setterlun) who passed away January 12th.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Disaster Relief - 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. Thank-you for your support.



Presbytery Leadership Training Seminar -

Saturday, February 8th from 8:30am-3:45pm.

For the 7th consecutive year, we are hosting this event. There are 3 ways to register: **1)** Via email to Sandy Jensen at sandy@detroitpresbytery.org **2)** By mail to Presbytery of Detroit, 17575 Hubbell, Detroit, MI 48235, or **3)** By fax at (313)345-7250. Cost to attend is \$15 and lunch will be provided. Partial scholarships are available. You can mail your payment to First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn or pay at the door. Make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church (with Presbytery Leadership Training in the memo line) or pay with exact change. **Do not send money to the Presbytery. The deadline to register is January 31st.** Volunteers are also needed to greet visitors and assist with registration, mainly between 8:15 and 9:15am. They need not register, and can participate in the lunch and workshops at no cost. Please see Jim Barber or Ann Bleivik if you can help out.

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**The Treasure Chest** will be open during the Presbytery Leadership Event on Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-12:45pm and 3:45-4:30pm.

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*Thank You*

*Again - I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of words and comfort and love at the passing of my beloved sister, Alma. In our last conversation on Christmas Day she said she had felt many prayers lifting her up. She rests now in peace with Jesus.*

*Thank you.*

*Love,  
Jan Cobb*



**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.



## Music Corner

February is a month of preparation for our music ministries. Lent begins in early March with Easter coming in April. We are already preparing the music for our concert on April 6 of the Mozart Requiem combining with 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist and others. The concert will be here in the Sanctuary at 4:00pm on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. We are also preparing for some special anthems in Lent as well as continuing our ministry of music during the Sunday morning worship services.

Our youth and children's choirs are always looking for new members. Children's choir is open to all from grades K through 5. Our youth choir is open to all in grades 6-12. If you have youth or children that like to sing, we'd love to have them come join us! We have some exciting music planned for these choirs during the upcoming season.

On a personal note, I'll be attending the Calvin Conference on Worship from January 30 through February 1. This is always a wonderful conference, and I come back with new ideas and new music. I expect this year to be no different. If you are interested in information on the conference, or if you'd like to discuss the ideas that we come back with, please feel free to ask me about it. Mike Hoffman and Mark Dearth are also attending.

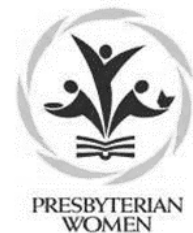
Looking further out, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Easter, Vanguard Voices will be presenting a concert in our Sanctuary. Vanguard has commissioned a piece, especially for this concert in our Sanctuary, to use our wonderful space in a special way. The choir will be split into two smaller choruses and 6 Quartets arranged around the balcony, mezzanine and chancel. It should be an amazing piece. They will also be doing several other a capella works on the concert. I hope you can attend! ~In Christ, Marshall

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## Catered Tea and Diaper Drive

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Please join us Saturday, March 1st, in the parlors, for this Presbyterian Women sponsored event. Contact Charlene Reid at (313) 791-2621 for details.



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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 - February 2014**

**Pastoral Duties as Lay Pastor:** Praise God for all the opportunities that Pastor Dave and the Worship and Arts Team have given me to conduct worship and deliver multiple sermons this past month! I am really trying to improve the content of my sermons as I continue to work on the delivery and the “image” that will help our family of faith to be able to “brand” the message into their brain. Thanks to all of you for kind words & encouragement as well as suggestions that allow the congregation to connect with the spoken word. Ideas such as putting the Bible verses that I utilize in my messages on the screens, utilizing more youtube clips, and music that is relevant to the topic have been suggested by some of you and have already been incorporated into Saturday afternoons & Sunday mornings when I preach. Thanks church!

Pastor Dave and I will be doing a few sessions at the Presbytery of Detroit’s Leadership Saturday in February on conflict management. It’s always a pleasure to work with Pastor Dave who has such a lot of experience in pastoral counseling. I am also preparing to do a 2-day retreat with another pastor in the Presbytery in which we will be presenting conflict management to “pastors in transition” up in Dewitt, Michigan. God is good!

I was able to take 3 days from my usual schedule to attend Calvin College’s Symposium Worship Conference. This is the best way for me to get re-energized each year in my preaching and leading of worship, as well as get some new ideas from “world-class” speakers and presenters.

**Director of Young Adult Ministries:** Converge has moved to Panera Cares and we are making the minor tweaks to make it the best “off campus” program that it can be. We have increased in the number attending and I am focusing on Christian servant leadership messages that then can be incorporated into each interest team’s monthly mission. The first Saturday of each month will involve testimonies of what each team has accomplished and how they have experienced the leading of the Holy Spirit in completing their mission. We will also celebrate communion on this special Saturday of the month. Two other churches are bringing teams of young adults to be a part of this ministry. We are in the neighborhood, sharing the love of Christ with all those who travel along Michigan Avenue or walk through the doors of this non-profit café.

The Young Adult/Ruling Elder Class that usually consists of around 12 individuals has been warmly embraced by those who attend and enjoy “iron sharpening iron”. Thanks to all of you who are so faithful in attending and discussing the truth in love, even when it seems to be difficult and makes us stretch, search, and be transformed in and through God’s Word.

The mid-life adult mentors have been working with their young adult mentees for about 8 weeks and all is going well. I have a meeting scheduled to talk to the mentors about their experiences as well as provide some additional training. Keep all 22 individuals in prayer.

**GrouPeru! ’14 Director:** Fundraisers have started up again and we are in constant conversation with Kate and Billy as we get closer to our June mission trip. Keep the team in prayer and look shortly for the final team of individuals that have definitely committed for this year’s trip.

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Communion</b> 2<br>9am Education Hour<br>9:25am Adult Choir<br><b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b><br><b>11am Congregational Meeting</b><br><b>Boy Scout Soup &amp; Salad Lunch</b><br><i>following the meeting in Mitchell Hall</i><br>3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group YL, YC<br>3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary<br>4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room<br>5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary<br>7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's | 3<br><b>2:30pm Presbytery Leadership</b><br><b>Event Planning- NP</b><br>7pm Men's Fellowship Board- Turco<br>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site<br>7-9pm Greeting Card- R14<br>7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC<br><br><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b> | 4<br>9am Men's Fellowship Work<br>9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares<br>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH<br>7pm Property- Library<br>7:30pm-8:30pm Investment Committee<br>7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP<br>7:30-9pm AA- MH | 10am Stephens-Currie- R12<br>10am-4pm Treasure Chest<br>10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff</b> - SP<br>5:30-7pm Personnel- SP<br>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH<br>6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP<br>7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP<br>7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco |
| 9<br>9am Education Hour<br>9:25am Adult Choir<br><b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b><br><b>11am GrouPeru Candy Sale- Narthex</b><br>11:15am Small Group Ldrshp. Training- NP<br>11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex<br>3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group YL, YC<br>3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary<br>4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room<br>5-6pm Youth Choir – Sanctuary<br>7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's               | 10<br>11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH<br>6:30pm NAMI- NP<br>7-8pm Deacons- R12<br>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site<br>7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC<br><br><b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b><br><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>                               | 11<br>9am Men's Fellowship Work<br>9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares<br>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH<br>7-9pm CE Committee- NP<br>7:30-9pm AA- MH                                                                 | 10am-4pm Treasure Chest<br>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH<br>6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP<br>7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco                                                                                                                               |
| 16<br>9am Education Hour<br>9:25am Adult Choir<br><b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b><br>3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group YL, YC<br>3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary<br>4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room<br>5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary<br>7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's                                                                                                                                                   | 17<br><b>Presidents' Day</b><br>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site<br><b>No Boy Scout Troop</b><br><br><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>                                                                                                              | 18<br>9am Men's Fellowship Work<br>9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares<br>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH<br>5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP<br>6:30pm <b>SESSION/CC</b> –NP<br>7:30-9pm AA- MH                                | 10am Stephens-Currie- R12<br>10am-4pm Treasure Chest<br>10:30am-12pm <b>PROGRAM Staff</b><br>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH<br>6:45pm-8pm Classes- MH, NP<br>7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco                                                           |
| 23<br>9am Education Hour<br>9:25am Adult Choir<br><b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b><br>11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex<br>3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group YL, YC<br>3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary<br>4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room<br>5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary<br>7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's                                                                                                      | 24<br>1-4pm Homeschool Class- MH, Kit.<br>6:30pm NAMI- NP<br>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site<br>7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC<br><br><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>                                                                              | 25<br>9am Men's Fellowship Work<br>9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares<br>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH<br>7-8pm Technology- R12<br>7:30-9pm AA- MH<br><br><b>4:00pm Presbytery</b>                                  | 11am-1pm Keenagers- MH (K)<br>10am-4pm Treasure Chest<br>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH<br>6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP<br>7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco                                                                                                 |

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|    | THURSDAY                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 5  | 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 6                                       | 7pm Praise Event Rehearsal- Sanctuary 7                               | <b>8:30am-4pm Presbytery Leadership Training Event- ALL ROOMS</b> 8<br>12:15-12:45 & 3:45-4:30pm Treasure Chest<br>6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares<br>7:30-10pm Converge small groups- YL, YC, 2A        |
| 12 | 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 13<br>11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite      | 6:30pm-9pm Game Night- MH 14<br>7pm Praise Event Rehearsal- Sanctuary | 9-10:30am DNA- R16 15<br><b>4:30pm Praise Worship- Sanctuary</b><br>6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares<br>7:30-10pm Converge small groups- YL, YC, 2A                                                       |
| 19 | 10-11am POD Cong. Life- SP 20<br>10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP        | 21                                                                    | <b>(1:30pm Birthday Party- MH, K)</b> 22<br>6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares<br>7:30-10pm Converge small groups- YL, YC, 2A                                                                               |
| 26 | 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 27<br>5:30-9pm Boy Scout Council- MH, K | 28                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Notes from our Parish Nurse

With the increased stressors in our everyday lives, it is not a wonder that our blood pressure levels are shooting through the roof! Did you know that in the US alone, over 50 million people have increased blood pressure levels, 62% of which are associated with attributable risk factor for heart attack and stroke. Despite these statistics, less than 60% of individuals with known high blood pressure receive any treatment, and of those, only one third achieve adequate control.

Now, new research published by Charles DeCarli in *Lancet Neurology* aids in the push towards greater awareness of blood pressure levels even amongst the healthy middle-aged population. DeCarli and his team found similar accelerated brain aging images in both young middle-aged people with high blood pressure compared to those whose blood pressure levels weren't really consider very high (pre-hypertensive).

In the study that DeCarli and his team examined, there were almost 600 individuals who took part in this study over the course of 60 years. Most of these subjects were in their middle-30s when the research began. The subjects had their blood pressures taken and then were placed in one of three categories: normal blood pressure, pre-hypertensive and hypertensive. In addition, they were given a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to measure any white matter injury and gray matter atrophy in the brain. (White matter in the brain helps to speed conduction of messages, helps neurons get nutrition and protects the brain from infection. Gray matter helps you perform conscious thoughts and sense your environment and coordinate movements). When these brain imaging measurements were combined, a global measure was produced that allowed for the comparison of brain health among different blood pressure groups.

Surprisingly, the researchers found that the brains of 30-year-olds with high blood pressure looked similar to the brains of people in their 40s who had normal blood pressure. They summarized that systolic blood pressure (the top number of BP which indicates pressure of blood when the heart beats) was associated with injury to white matter microstructure and regional grey matter in healthy young adults. Furthermore, injury worsened continuously as blood pressure increased and was significantly different between normotensive and pre-hypertensive subjects in some anatomical regions. Most importantly, these anatomical differences exhibited in subjects at fairly young ages were similar to the abnormal distributions seen within high blood pressure subjects later in life. The authors suggested that high blood pressure impedes the blood flow, and thus reduces the supply of oxygen and essential nutrients to the receiving axons. And while they didn't determine the exact amount of pressure that causes brain aging and cognitive/memory problems, they did theorize that elevated pressures significantly affect them.

The authors concluded that their "results emphasized the need for optimum control of blood pressure", which is best done by increasing awareness and stressing the importance for regular monitoring for adverse blood pressure levels, in order to promote healthy brain aging.

<http://brainblogger.com/2013/01/20/blood-pressure-and-accelerated-brain-aging..> by Amy Wong, MS

**Blood Pressure Screenings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after worship in the Narthex.**

Blessings, Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



**But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15, 16; Lev 20:7**

God is holy, and He calls us to be holy. What does that mean, and how can we become holy?

Holiness means belonging to God (*Eph. 1:4, 5; Rom. 8:29, 30*) being consecrated, purified, and set apart for His service. That means we become totally conformed to His will (*Rom. 6:19, 22, 23; Titus 1:8*).

Jesus' life on Earth displayed holiness. He taught God's demand for holiness, and He lived as He taught.

Holiness is an attribute of God required of His people, yet here on Earth, only God is holy (*Mark 10:18; Ex. 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2; Rom. 3:23; Rev. 15:4*). God's expectation for His people reflects His own nature: "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (*Ex. 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9*). Without holiness, no one will see the Lord (*Heb. 12:14*). Without holiness, we cannot approach God. How can sinners like us become holy?

Salvation in Christ leads to holiness, beginning when we receive Christ (*John 1:12, 13*) and are born again (*John 3:3-8; 2 Cor. 5:17-21*). As disciples, God re-makes us into Christ's likeness (*Rom. 8:28-31*). This comes gradually through obedience, service, and trials assisted by prayer and perseverance (*John 16:33; Rom. 5:3; 1 Cor. 1:30, 31; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 4:22 - 24; Phil. 1:6; Col 3:1-4:6; 2 Tim 3:12; Hebr. 12:3-11; James 1: 2-8*). Our holiness is certain because Jesus paid for our sins on the Cross, leaving no sin to condemn us at Judgment. God then makes us holy, giving us His gift of eternal life in His family.

All is of God; thank God for His grace which we can receive by faith, not merit!

~John Holden



### **A Note from Pastor Mike, Young Adult Ministries Director**

I am happy to announce that our grant request to the national office of PC-USA for taking the Converge Young Adult Program out "into the neighborhood" was accepted. We will receive \$7,500 towards materials and equipment to be used at Panera Cares each Saturday from 6-7:30 to become salt and light to the community of Dearborn. Thanks Jonathan Mallard, Converge Discipleship Coordinator, for working with me on the grant application, scads of new materials, and formation of an entirely new program.

Praise God!

**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](tel: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.

### **All Day Scrapping, Stamping & Crafting Spring Fundraising Event Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**



Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
600 Brady St, Dearborn, MI 48124 / Phone: 313-274-1313  
\$40 non-refundable registration fee includes an 8ft table & delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner

We suggest that you bring as many projects with you that you feel you can accomplish in a 13 hour time frame. For those that don't scrapbook, we're going to have free demonstrations throughout the day showing different techniques and you'll have your very own space next to some experienced scrappers to archive your memories in a very creative way! Our goal is to have representatives from Close To My Heart (Stamping) Ahni & Zoe, Stampin' Up, Origami Owl & It's A Wrap at the event. Feel free to pick their brains for ideas!

For a registration form please contact Jeni by Email: [jlcole1971@gmail.com](mailto:jlcole1971@gmail.com) or call 248-470-7875.

We're looking forward to a day filled with FUN, food, creativity, fellowship and raising money for the ChristNet program that we host at our church every year. ChristNet is a rotating shelter for the homeless in the downriver community.

Get your registration in ladies and gentleman we will have only 32 tables available for this event!



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!



**S.O.A.R.-Attention Christians!** If you are single or know someone who is, please tell them about the singles ministry here at FPC Dearborn.

**We meet at 6pm every Tuesday at Panera Bread, 26580 Ford Road (The Heights).** Information is on the FPC website, or you can email Lynn Campbell at [misslynn719@hotmail.com](mailto:misslynn719@hotmail.com).



### **Collection for Active-Duty Service Members-**

A mission group of young adults from Converge has taken on a project of collecting personal need items for active-duty service members. Beef jerky, chewing gum, individually packaged wet wipes, detergent pods, and bug spray are welcome donations. Look for the red, white, and blue box in the narthex during January and February to drop off these items. Questions? Contact Don Stanfill at 313.363.2282 or Mike Hoffman at 313.213.8319.



A painting of the adoration of the Magi by Spanish painter Louis Tristan de Secamilla (1586-1624)

### ***Epiphany—revelation in Christ***

**Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.**

Source: [www.presbyterianmission.org/worship/epiphany/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/worship/epiphany/)

**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.

**March Mission Sewing**

Happy New Year to all you wonderful sewers. March is right around the corner and we will soon get together to hem up baby blankets and a few other items for the In Gathering of 2014. Our sewing date is the second Tuesday in March (3/11/2014) from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. Please come and lend a hand. You do not have to be an expert seamstress; your only need to be able to sew a straight seam. We will have a great time so come and join us. Bring your friends.

If you have any questions please call me at 313-336-2772 or e-mail me at olimpiato-dor36@gmail.com ~Yours in Christ, Olimpia Todor Mission Sewing 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. Charlene Reid and Mailan Reid used their 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, Amy Bruhn, Carolyn Buell, Nancy DeHamer, Sue Ingram, Margie and Mike Maurer, Ann Phillips, Charlene Reid, Tracie Szczuchura, Jan Witkowski, Anne Witkowski, and Lori Wyatt. Gift and food sorting was done by Nancy DeHamer, Dorinda Hughes and her friend Dawn Peters, Sue Ingram, Rob and Cathy James, Janet Leslie, Margie and Mike Maurer, Charlene Reid, Christie Smith, Tracie Szczuchura, Jan Witkowski, Anne Witkowski, and Lori Wyatt. Callie Wyatt helped sort donations and as service director of her sorority Delta Phi Epsilon she collected food donations for our families. The Wyatt family also secured boxes donated by the Dearborn Liquor store. Wendy Palmer, Jim Barber and Vicki Davidson did a great job with set-up for sorting on both Sundays and were helpful throughout the offering process.

Generous church members purchased 94 gifts at an approximate total cost of \$2,420. Our families are very appreciative and many thanks go to those who adopted angels.

Thanks to the congregation members who donated food, personal care items, and paper products to be distributed to the fifteen families. People who donated money toward the Christmas offering are always 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 Christ's birth. Touch of Hope continues to appreciate all that is done by many to support the ministry.

~Margie Johnston-Maurer

## 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."*



### Poinsettia/TOH Apologies

We apologize for the confusion that occurred this year when ordering a Christmas Poinsettias and/or making a Christmas donation to the Touch of Hope ministry. It seems not everyone placed their order form and payment in the basket that was on a table in the Narthex. Instead, they put them in with the Sunday offerings collected.

We ask that you do not include the order or donation in with your contribution, but rather include it as a separate amount or check. This procedure will also apply to the Easter Lilly orders which will be taken up next March.

~The office staff

## February Birthdays

02/02: William Godfrey, 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 Abramowski  
02/10: Ashley Barr  
02/11: John Barr, Janet Proctor  
Marie Stephanie Shearer  
02/14: Anne Westby  
02/15: Logan Farley, 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

### 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.

### 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

### Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am

February 2 / - Communion, *Lust*, Rev. Dave Bleivik

February 9 / - *Divorce*, Rev. Dave Bleivik

February 16 / - *Promises*, Rev. Dave Bleivik

February 23 / - *Difficult Relationships*, Rev. Dave Bleivik

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## Our Vision

## Sent with a Prayer

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

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| Young Adult Coordinator<br>Mike Hoffman, CLP | Educational Coordinator<br>Ann Bleivik | Director of Music<br>F. Marshall Dicks, M.M.   | Parish Nurse<br>Chris Mayer, R.N.             |