



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
February 2015 Newsletter



Happy Valentines Day
 Saturday, Feb. 14th

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Feb 1st

Please join us in the sanctuary immediately following morning worship.

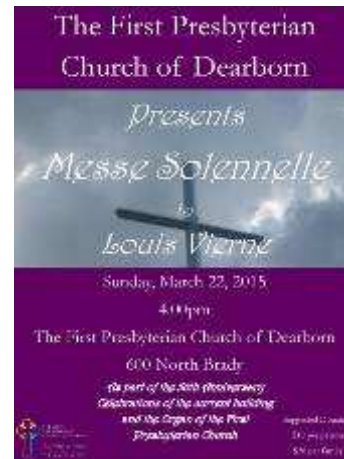


Lenten Worship Service

following FISH dinner

Feb. 18th -6:45pm in the chapel

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50th Anniversary Concert
 Sunday, March 22nd

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Coming soon...



Giggles & Grub
 Saturday, March 7th,
 5:00pm

Saturday Night Alive!

Contemporary Praise & Prayer

Sat. Feb 21st 4:30pm

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Celebration of Pastoral Service

What a marvelous send off that we were able to provide to Pastor Dave and Ann as we marked their 7 years of service to our church and his years of ministry for the PCUSA. While the “roast” was marked with some moments of hilarity, there were also those moments of serious expressions of appreciation for the many hours of pastoral calls and prayers for each member of our family of faith.

It was also a pleasure to meet their family - in person - and via satellite from Germany. His daughter, Christina’s, heartfelt expression of appreciation for her father and the example that he had been to her through her life was quite moving.

I am sure that each of you has a story to tell of an encounter with Pastor Dave and First Church. We will be forever indebted to him for his generous sharing of his gifts to build up the church.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Dave as he spends the next months on his Sabbatical leave and be assured that he will be quite aware of activities and any pastoral needs. He has a phone, a computer, and a pen. Many blessings on them in Maryland.

See you in church! ~Pastor Don



Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE & Educational Coordinator

Sunday Morning Adult Education classes from 9-9:50am:

“God’s Not Dead” - Video and discussion led by Pastor Mike Hoffman in the North Parlor. Do you know what you believe and how to defend it? Come get a firm foundation of Scripture and evidence to stand on, reaching others for Christ.

“Love and Respect in the Family.” Book discussion led by Elder Jane Dearth in Room 12. Dr. Eggerich and his family share their family-life stories about turning the Family Crazy Cycle of Conflict into an energizing, rewarding home life.

Wednesday F.I.S.H. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Scripture, Hope) Adult Education: The DVD series **“True Spirituality,”** by Chip Ingram, led by Chris Mayer. Christians today live in a world that is “actively heavy” and “relationship light.” The result is spiritual emptiness. We struggle to know what God wants *from us* and *for us*... in Romans 12, God gives us a clear picture of what Christians should look like at the root level. Be sure to join us on Wednesday evenings in Mitchell Hall for dinner at 6pm (with a suggested donation of \$7 per person), and then stay for class from 6:45-8pm.

Various Days and Times during the Week – Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies. Call Pastor Mike at church: 313.274.1313, extension 14, home: 313.562.5961, or cell at 313.213.8319.

Children's Ministry

Happy February, everyone!

Our children's programs are in full swing! Your children are invited to join both Sunday School and FISH at any time. Sunday school is on Sunday mornings before Worship at 9:00 AM. We cover a variety of topics with Bible, music, games, art, etc. Bring your kids to Sunday school, and you can attend an adult class as well!



Our FISH class is on Wednesday evenings. We're finishing up reading *The Horse and His Boy* together. We'll all miss Shasta, Aravis, Bree and Hwinn!! We'll continue to meet for the rest of the FISH season, though. We look forward to working on our contributions for Lent and Mother's day. We'll also re-visit the BBC Narnia series. Beware the scary owl! Each week, we tie in Christian themes with Bible memory, games, cooking, art and more.

Looking to get involved? Sign up as a helper in any of our children's programs. We need you! Contact Beckie Dicks at RJOhman@aol.com.

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

Why Theology Matters

“Interesting. The youth guy wants to talk theology? I thought he would be too busy playing guitar, herding middle school students and driving the church van....”

Theology matters because it answers the deep questions of life. Why do I exist? What's the meaning of life? How do I know that God cares about me? How do I know that God is good? Why do I need God? Do I have to leave reason behind in order to have real faith? What kind of music/T.V./websites should I let into my life? Do my Muslim friends know God? Why should I work hard in school? The Bible has a lot to say about ALL of these questions, and countless others.



We live in a world full of deceptions and misrepresentations of scripture, calculated specifically to lure lambs away from Christ's flock and to poison the church from the inside out. It is good theology, a.k.a. “speaking the truth in love”, which demolishes those arguments and removes the poison from the flock's water source. The question is, are you prepared for the next spiritual assault on yourself, spouse, children, or church? By studying the answers God has given us and teaching one another we will grow in the “unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. (Phil. 4:13)”

The good news is that at the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, you will never be in the battle of life alone. We believe that God still speaks through the scriptures to give you hope for TODAY. To lead your family. To destroy poisonous sin. To heal broken hearts. To establish a solid foundation to stand on. 4:12 youth group is one of many avenues where we speak God's truth into the life of our church. Theology matters because it is the truth of God, from the Word of God, for the people of God. I encourage you to take hold of the great gift Christ has given us and grow strong in theological knowledge of the Bible, for the strength of your Christian walk, your family, and the greater body of Christ.

Grace and Peace, Jonathan Mallard
Director of Student Ministries
Converge Discipleship Coordinator

Dear Church Family

Thank you for your presence at the farewell meal. Thank you for all the kind words spoken and written to Ann and I. Thank you for all the wonderful gifts you gave us.



For the wonderful pictures, stain glass, crystal and quilt. Thank you for the very generous financial gifts. Most of all I thank God for the privilege of serving you and coming alongside you the last seven years. You remain in Ann and my hearts and prayers.

Pastor Dave

Saturday Night Alive!



**Saturday,
February 21st**

4:30-5:30pm

Come join us for an hour of contemporary praise music and worship. All are welcome! We hope to fill your hearts with the love of God through some upbeat, powerful music and messages. See you there!

**First Presbyterian Church of
Dearborn**

600 North Brady

Dearborn, MI 48124

313.274.1313

All Day Scrapping, Stamping and Crafting Spring Fundraising Event

Saturday, March 14th, 2015

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

Complete the form and send it along with payment to
(One form per person please):

Jeni Cole
24631 Carlisle St
Dearborn, MI 48124
Email: jlc01971@gmail.com or call 248-470-7875

When: Saturday March 14th, 2015 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cost - \$40 for an 8ft table and 3 delicious meals

Please feel free to tell others about this event.

We suggest that you bring as many projects with you that you feel you can accomplish in a 13 hour time frame. If you don't scrapbook what about sewing? Catch up on some homework? Read a good book? Learn how to use a new toy you received recently? Sit and do nothing? Enjoy the down time and peace and quiet for 13 hours and have 3 meals prepared for you and enjoy fellowship? Organize your photos you have had in a box for years?

If you would like a registration form, should have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact Jeni Cole by Email: jlc01971@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. This year proceeds will be donated to ChristNet directly to help them build and prepare their new building for the intake center and daytime shelter.

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

Many blessings, ~Jeni Cole

Lenten Mid-week Worship Services

Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Chapel

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



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

All Presbyterian Women are encouraged to join us in Bible study and discussion (Thursdays, 10-11:30am in the North Parlor) led by Charlie and Jane. The Horizons Bible study is **Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians**. The Horizons Bible Study book will be available to all participants. ~Jane Lewy



Music Corner

Welcome to February. This month begins the season of Lent on February 18th with Ash Wednesday. We look forward to our Wednesday evening Worship through Lent in the Chapel.

Our **Lenten Concert** this year will feature the *Solemn Mass by Louis Vierne*. This work was originally written for 2 organs and chorus. I have arranged and edited the work to be played on a single organ with chorus. We want to showcase our wonderful organ in this the 50th Anniversary year of the instrument. The concert is on March 22nd at 4:00pm. Please mark your calendar! We hope everyone can make this special concert.

I would like to invite anyone who would like to sing for this concert to come to choir on Wednesdays. We've already begun working on the music. It should be a wonderful time learning this great work! The choir always has a good time singing and fellowshiping together. We invite you to join us.

Thank you to all who helped the goodbye festivities for Dave and Ann to be so special. Thanks especially to our choirs for their renditions of "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" and "Day by Day" from Godspell. Thanks to Mary Jo Miller and all the committee who helped the Luncheon to be such a success.

We welcome Don Wright back and look forward to his "touch" in the services. All of the choirs will be continuing to perform during services and other special events. And as always, we're looking for more members of all of our musical ensembles. See you in Church!

~Marshall



Dear loving church family,

What a blessing it was to receive the many cards, calls, visits, meals and beautiful prayer shawl at the time of my surgery in November. My family and I felt wrapped in your love, and we will be forever grateful. You are a truly caring family of faith. We are fortunate to be among you. Thank you!

*In Christ,
Nancy Slanec*

Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE, CE Director & Young Adults Ministry Coordinator



February in Michigan is traditionally a rather bleak month. In most cases, the Christmas lights and decorations are down, the days are short and void of much sunshine, and it is a season away from Easter. I believe those are major reasons why so many people celebrate February 14th, commonly known as St. Valentine's Day. Most view it as a romantic holiday, but a few do celebrate it in a liturgical manner. I usually get my wife a heart-shaped box of chocolates and perhaps a bouquet of flowers, and she in turn bakes me a huge heart-shaped chocolate chip cookie, using only the finest ingredients and the best chocolate chips. Cards are exchanged and our continuing commitment and devotion to each other is sealed with a kiss.

While recently preparing a message for Converge, as well as a more extended message for Saturday Night Alive, it occurred to me how important it is to *inhale God's presence* while *exhaling God's will*. At both venues, I passed out peppermint candies and had people unwrap them, smell them and then put them in their mouths. That's what we do when we come before God in prayer, participate in the Lord's Supper, worship, or through reading his word. We actually *inhale* and taste our Lord and Savior. He is our source of energy.

While the peppermint was in their mouth for a while, I explained how after being "energized" with the power of the Lord, we are expected to *exhale God's will*. I then asked the participants in worship to exhale by blowing out in an extended way. In both cases the room filled with the fragrance of peppermint. This represented how after inhaling God's presence we are expected to exhale God's will by going out to our neighbors to model and share the two great commandments and the great commission. Jesus commanded in Matthew 28: 19-20, that we must, ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Likewise, in Matthew 22:37-40, ³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Paul explains that we don't need "eloquence or superior knowledge", we will be "in weakness and fear", but that we can be a "demonstration of the Spirit's power" by simply "teaching Christ and him crucified". Continuously share the message of how Jesus has done for you and how he is transforming you into the Child of God that he desires you to be. *Inhale and exhale*. Be a witness to the lost and a motivation to the chosen. -Amen!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
Communion 1 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Annual Meeting- Sanctuary No Children's Choir 3-4:30pm 4:12 Group- YL, YC, 2A No Handbell Choir No Youth Choir 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	2 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	3 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7pm Property- Library 7-8pm Deacons- NP 7:30-8:30pm Investment Committee 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am St 10am-4p 10:30am 6-6:45pm 6:45-8pm 7-9pm A
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The Digital Invasion: How Technology is Shaping You and Your Relationships

“What is good about the digital world? Well, you are always available. So what is bad about the digital world? You are always reachable!” This statement summarizes the impact of digital media in our lives today. With the advent of computers (Internet), social media and all of the digital devices that so efficiently keep us “connected”, we have little time (and desire) for “downtime” and quiet. Don’t get me wrong, the benefits of living in this technologically advanced age are numerous. But, what many people do not know, is that there are changes happening in and around us that most of us are not aware of. So, over the next few months, I endeavor to share what is being coined, “the digital invasion” and share strategies to help us stay tech savvy and “healthy” as we navigate this new world.

Dr. Archibald Hart, clinical psychologist, psychotherapist and master of technology, along with his daughter Dr. Sylvia Hart Frejd, spiritual formation specialist, life coach, Internet Addiction specialist and mother, have labored in this book, to help us understand the numerous physiological, emotional, spiritual and social changes occurring right before our eyes.

How many of you, if you are honest, have been troubled (perhaps in your spirit) about some of the changes you see in our society as it relates to people interacting with each other and with their media devices? In my observations, we are a people who are “more connected” in some ways, but more “disconnected” in others. How can people have “more friends” and be “in contact” via Facebook, texts, twitter and email, but be lonelier than ever? Part of the answer is that through these forms of media, we are in contact, but it’s more of what we call “digital life” rather than “real life”. A digital life is more one-dimensional, where real life is three-dimensional, and engages all of our senses. And God has created us with the ability and desire to engage all of the senses in order to experience “fullness of life”. The studies show that if we already know and have a relationship with a person, our ability to “stay connected” in meaningful ways is greatly enhanced. But, if we only “know” people via the Internet or digital media, it is not meaningful in the same way. As the authors have researched this topic in great detail, there have been some startling revelations about changes that can occur in our brains as a result of excessive use of technology. And, this information can actually be seen through the advancements in neurotechnology (i.e. brain scans). Sylvia wishes that she could go back a decade and “re-parent”. However, she knows that that is not possible. So, the hope is that she and her dad can share their experience and this material to help you and your family to establish appropriate digital boundaries before it is too late, and redeem whatever technology may have “stolen” from you and your family. I look forward to sharing more on this topic next month.

~Blessings, Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

*information taken from The Digital Invasion: How Technology is Shaping You and Your Relationships by Dr. Archibald Hart and Dr. Sylvia Hart Frejd.



Reflection on the Word for Galatians 6 verse 7

Cause and effect is a law of life. What we sow sets up what we reap. We choose our decisions, but they produce consequences. Choosing needs second-stage thinking.

Some positive Biblical examples:

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed (*Prov. 11:25*). Be transformed by the renewing of your mind and you will be able to test and approve God's will (*Rom. 12:2*).

If you hold to my (*Jesus*) teachings, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free (*John 8:31, 32*).

If a man remains in me (*Jesus*) and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (*John 15:5*).

If we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:9*).

Living with the consequences of our sins is part of God's wrath (*Romans 1:18*).

Some negative examples:

Those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel will be banished from His presence (*2 Thess. 1:8, 9*). Therefore, everyone gets their wish: those who come to God now have Him forever; those who reject God now will continue forever without Him -- in the company of those who also reject Him (*Hell?*).

Those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it (*Job 4:8*). Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind (*Hosea 8:7*).

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us (*1 John 1:8*). If we claim we have not sinned, His Word has no place in our lives (*1 John 1:10*).

Sow righteousness and reap love; sow wickedness and reap evil and deception (*Hosea 10:12, 13*).

Let us live with second-stage thinking and sow seeds that bless. (*Deuteronomy 30:19 – choose life!*) ~John Holden

Mission Sewing Day

Our Mission Sewing day is fast coming up - second Tuesday in March from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m but you can leave anytime. We have baby blankets to hem and a few other items to construct. It is a fun day of sewing, eating a good lunch, and being thankful for the opportunity to supply some little babies with a soft receiving blanket. If you don't sew you can iron. The sewing room is ready and the machines are in good sewing condition. We look forward to seeing you - we really need your help.

Olimpia Todor
Mission Sewing Coordinator

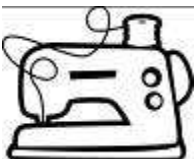


Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin must be received by Noon on the Monday prior to the Sunday you wish them to be announced. Email them to Vicki Davidson at vickidfpcd30@gmail.com. Please use Microsoft Word format. Remember to keep your information brief due to space constraints. We reserve the right to edit as needed. 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 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.**

**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.



SEWING CLASS

A CLASS IN SEWING IS BEING PLANNED FOR CHILDREN AGE 8 THROUGH-----? WE WILL BE USING SEWING MACHINES AND WILL USE THE SEWING ROOM. **THERE ARE 10 SEWING MACHINES AVAILABLE SO THERE IS ROOM FOR A MAXIMUM OF TEN STUDENTS.** IF MORE THAN 10 SIGN UP PERHAPS WE MAY BE ABLE TO EXPAND. AT THIS TIME IT WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CHILD(CHILDREN) ATTEND PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE AND INDICATE WHAT TIME OF THE DAY (OR EVENING AND WHAT DAY YOU CAN ATTEND. WE WILL THEN DECIDE UPON A MUTUAL DAY AND TIME. WE WOULD LIKE TO START THE CLASS AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. IF YOU ARE A BEGINNER AND AN ADULT, YOU CAN JOIN ALSO. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CALL ME, OLIMPIA TODOR, AT 313-336-2772 OR E-MAIL ME AT olimpiatodor3@gmail.com

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Travelers keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, First Presbyterian relies on your regular contributions. Our church appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year— especially during popular winter travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient online giving option for setting up regular contributions. Please contact Nancy Setterlun in the business office to set up your electronic giving.

Christmas Eve ~ 2014

Photos by Robert Miller



Pastor Dave & Ann's Celebration





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. Jan Cobb made personal beautiful cards for each of our families. Volunteers who helped with preparation and the angel adoption process were Bonnie Andrew, Carolyn Buell, Nancy DeHamer, Bob Dimmitt, Sue Ingram, Margie and Mike Maurer, Charlene Reid, Margaret Richards, Jan and John Snider, Sue Sullivan, Tracie Szczechura, Jan Witkowski and Lori Wyatt. Thanks to Ava Evenhouse and Elizabeth Dicks for their part in dedicating the gifts. Gift sorting was done by Margie Maurer, Charlene Reid, Sue Sullivan, Tracie Szczechura and Nancy DeHamer. Food sorting was completed by, Nancy DeHamer, Al Gentinne, Janet Leslie, Mike and Margie Maurer, Charlene Reid, Austin Reid, Christie Smith, Sue Sullivan, Tracie Szczechura, Anne Witkowski, and Lori Wyatt. Wendy Palmer did a great job coordinating room set-up.

Generous church members purchased 93 gifts at an approximate total cost of \$2,610. 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 sixteen 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.

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
Touch of Hope Coordinator

CELEBRATIONS



Births:

Congratulations to Mike and Kara Moore on the January 16th birth of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth (7 lbs, 22 inches long).

Proud grandparents are Herb & Lorraine Lamkin.

Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group

The Sunday night Bible discussion group began a study of the Gospel of Matthew on Sunday, September 8th. Rev. John Sefcik started and ran this class for many years prior to his death. His wife, Delphine sent John's notes to us, so we still have the benefit of John's Biblical insights. Join us at 7:00PM at Bert Ebi's house (501 Kingsbury). The meetings last one hour.



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."*



Knitters Welcome!

Calling all knitters and those who want to learn!



Make a New Year's Resolution to join us **Thursday, Feb. 26th at 7pm in the Parlor**. Bring whatever project you are working on, or come and learn some basic stitches. Hope to see you!
~ Lynn Hoffman

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,
Lorelei Bryson
02/08: Edward Riopelle, Isabelle Thorman
02/09: Valerie Abramowski
02/10: Ashley Barr
02/11: John Barr, Janet Proctor
Marie Stephanie Shearer
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, Sallie Pray

With Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to Chris Mayer and family on the January 12th, 2015 passing of her dad, Dan Fellows.

Please keep Chris and the family in your prayers.

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 1 / - Communion, Rev. Don Wright
February 8 / - Rev. Don Wright
February 15 / - Rev. Don Wright
February 22 / - Rev. Don Wright

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