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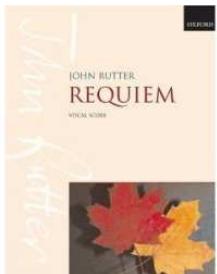
Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
March 2012 Newsletter



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day- 3/17

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
PASTORS WILL PREACH THROUGH THE
GOSPEL OF MARK THROUGH EASTER
"THE ACTION GOSPEL"



Choir Concert
Sunday, March 25th
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"The Three Trees"
(with artist)
Children's Story
Sundays
begins
March 11th
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Giggles & Grub
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Palm Sunday
April 1st



**All Day Scrapbooking,
Card Making & Craft Day**
Saturday March 10th
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Christian Seder- April 5th 6pm
with meal, communion, and a brief
Tenebrae. See Page 10

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Sunday Morning Adult Class

During Lent our adult class is **“That One Moment.”** This video class looks at a few of the people in scripture who encountered Jesus and who then chose to go a different direction. We are reflecting on why they might have made their choice and how we can learn from their choices. Why are these accounts included in scripture? Join us Sundays in the North Parlor during Lent at 9:00am.

FISH

Our Wednesday evening adult class during Lent is **“Work Matters.”** For some the word “work” means drudgery. For others it is an idol to be served. As we studied what scripture says about worship, we now look at a theology of work as a result of or expression of our worship.

The Bible has a lot to say about work, our attitudes, our efforts, and our hearts. This is not a focus on one’s job, but on all that we do during the day. Come and discover a new perspective on work that will transform your day!

Step by Step in God’s Word

How are you doing with your scripture memorization? Some weeks it can be a struggle. I find it hard to learn the passage some days, and others I can’t remember the address – where in scripture the passage is found. Please keep trying. Let me know if there are verses that have been a blessing to you as you have learned them.

March 4	Proverbs 4:23	April 1	John 15:1
March 11	Luke 9:23-24	April 8	Matthew 28:5-6
March 18	John 15:9	April 15	Philippians 4:4
March 25	Matthew 23:11-12	April 22	Luke 6:37
		April 29	Matthew 25:40

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There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter morning. Join us in Mitchell Hall for the Easter Brunch at 8:45 – 9:45am. Start your Easter celebration with great food and fellowship.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator



Children's Ministry



Puppet Party!

Our Annual Puppet Party will take place on April 21, from 1-3 PM. Our special guest will be James Ellis from Herdsman Puppets. James and "Eli" the puppet, along with some of their friends, will share parables of Jesus. They'll also demonstrate different types of puppets. Then we'll have crafts and hands-on activities for the kids to enjoy. You don't have to be a child to enjoy this event! If you're older than elementary school (but young at heart), come along for the fun! You can help with crafts, organization or hospitality. Contact Beckie Dicks for more info.

Easter Sunday - There will be no Sunday School for kids on Easter. Enjoy a delicious brunch in Mitchell Hall, and then join us for a musical prelude to worship in the sanctuary.

VBS - July 16-20, 9:00 to noon, grades pre-K through 5. Older helpers welcome!

Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

Children's Church - We're well into our journey through the Bible in Children's Church. We're surveying the entire story of the Bible with the Big Picture Story Bible, compiled by David Help and Illustrated by Gail Schoonmaker. What a great adventure to have together! Be sure to ask the kids to tell you (and show you) what they're learning.

Children's Lenten Sermon Series - This special Sunday morning worship Children's Time series will begin Sunday, March 11th and run through Easter, April 8th. Based on the story of **"The Three Trees,"** our series will be narrated by Beckie Dicks and illustrated by Holly Schanz. Bring your children, your grandchildren and your neighbor kids to worship each week for this special presentation.

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director

Prayer

**Lord,
Help me each day
to bring out the best;
Believing in goodness
and forgetting the rest.**

- author unknown

(~Deloris Anderson, 2007 Lenten Devotional)



GIGGLES & GRUB!

Come to our 4th Annual Giggles & Grub on Saturday March 3rd - Dinner at 5pm, Showtime at 5:30pm!. Nancy Worcester and her wonderful family of puppets are returning for another evening of fun and fellowship. The event is free and includes dinner for everyone! Nancy is a fabulous storyteller and the kids and adults all enjoy her. Please feel free to bring friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or anyone you think would enjoy a few laughs combined with a thoughtful message. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Doverspike at kim.doverspike@lions.nfl.net.



CREW and 4:12 News

(High School and Middle School)

2012 has been amazing so far in 4:12 and CREW! Sam, Theresa, Marley, Brad Paige, Logan, Amber and Alison are all NEW students. We can do so many more fun activities with the larger group. Feeding the Hungry has been instrumental in getting families involved in serving with the youth, as well as inviting friends. We had a family come all the way from St. Clair Shores to serve with us in a blizzard last time! The Setterlun family is a new powerhouse behind our feeding ministry. Thank you to them and everyone else that has expanded our impact!

We went to the Rock & Worship Roadshow at the beginning of February. Lecrae, a Christian rapper, got everyone pumped up about being “Unashamed” of the gospel (Romans 1:16)! The Rend Collective Experiment also came from Ireland to lead some amazing folk-rock worship. We’re currently focused on worship in youth group, and had our first worship time together on February 12th. Jane Lewy, as well as 6 young adults, helped to make the kick-off worship a success. February 19th, the students prepared different parts of worship for use in a service at the end of youth group. This included video, music, artwork and skits. Praise God for giving us creativity to praise Him!

Jamie Palmer, Sue Sullivan and Ann Phillips are running Coffeehouse Refresh at First Pres. Because of their service, we can offer a great outreach for students to invite friends and enjoy local musicians. Laura Wolfe and Krista Calcut, two ladies from Converge, are volunteering every week to mentor the girls in 4:12 and CREW. Are you amazed at the service of all our volunteers?! I praise God for providing so many hands to sow into our students’ lives.

Please pray for the leadership and volunteers in March as we continue to nurture students and seek direction from God. Please pray specifically for God to awaken new hearts, and for the Holy Spirit to make them new children in the family of God! Please pray for protection for the students in our morally hostile culture, and for God to draw their hearts to hunger for His presence and Word. God Bless you this month. Winter is coming to an end and new growth is on its way, seasonally and spiritually! ~ In Christ, Jonathan Mallard

Notes from our Parish Nurse

March Is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer screening saves lives. If everyone aged 50 years old or older were screened regularly, as many as 60% of deaths from this cancer could be avoided.

Get the Facts

Among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer—cancer of the colon or rectum—is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Colorectal cancer also is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the United States.

The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with advancing age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 or older.

Reducing Your Risk

Colorectal cancer screening saves lives. However, many people who are at risk for the disease are not being screened according to national guidelines.

It is estimated that as many as 60% of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented if all men and women aged 50 years or older were screened routinely. In most cases, colorectal cancer develops from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can find precancerous polyps, so that they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening tests also can find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best.

Some studies show that increased physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight may decrease the risk for colorectal cancer. Evidence is less clear about other ways to prevent colorectal cancer.

Currently, there is no consensus on the role of diet in preventing colorectal cancer, but medical experts recommend a diet low in animal fats and high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grain products to reduce the risk of other chronic diseases, such as coronary artery disease and diabetes. In addition, researchers are examining the role of certain medications and supplements, including aspirin, calcium, vitamin D, and selenium, in preventing colorectal cancer. While these supplements may reduce the risk of colorectal cancer, **the most effective way to reduce your risk is by having regular colorectal cancer screening tests beginning at age 50.**

When Should You Begin to Get Screened?

You should begin screening for colorectal cancer soon after turning 50, and then continue getting screened at regular intervals. However, you may need to be tested earlier or more often than other people if:

- You or a close relative have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer; or
- You have inflammatory bowel disease.

If you are aged 50 or older, or think you may be at increased risk for colorectal cancer, speak with your doctor about getting screened. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for colorectal cancer for all people until they reach 75 years old and for some people when they are older than 75. If you are in this age group, ask your doctor if you should be screened.

What Are the Screening Tests for Colorectal Cancer?

Several tests are available to screen for colorectal cancer. Some are used alone; others are used in combination with each other. Talk with your doctor about which test or tests are best for you. These screening tests are recommended by the USPSTF:

- Colonoscopy (every 10 years).
- High-sensitivity fecal occult blood test (FOBT) (every year).
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy (every 5 years).

In addition to these tests, some groups also recommend the double contrast barium enema as a screening test (every 5 years). Other tests are being evaluated and may be recommended by the USPSTF for use in colorectal cancer screening in the future, including CT colonography (also known as “virtual colonoscopy”) and stool DNA testing.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/colorectalawareness/>

All Day Scrapbooking, Card Making & Craft Day

Saturday March 10th, 2012 from 9am-9pm

Registration Fee: \$45

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



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

To register or for more information, please contact
Jeni Cole at 313.792.8224 or jlcole71@att.net.



Music Corner

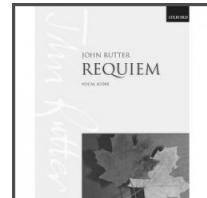
It's March already! The Choir will be looking at some major music for Lent and for Easter. **Now would be a great time to join** if you've been thinking about it!

Music Corner **SECOND SUNDAY INSTRUMENTALISTS** – March 11th is the second Sunday of the month. We'd love to have all instrumentalists come to the loft and play with the hymns on that Sunday. Violins, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboes, Trumpets, Trombones, whatever! Come and join us at 9:15 in the Choir Loft.

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

Remember... Choir Concert: John Rutter's 'Requiem'
Sunday March 25th, 4:00pm

~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music



Musings from Pastor Mike - March 2012

Pastoral Duties – For the past few months I have been blessed with the chance to preach every 6 weeks or so on Sunday mornings as well as presenting a short message every week at Converge. I have been challenged to speak with few notes and feel that the Holy Spirit is behind this more conversational style. Pastor Dave is a great mentor as well as a powerful model when it comes to preaching, and I look forward to additional challenges in order to make me grow as a speaker.



GrouPeru! '12 – thanks to all of you who participated in our luncheons, candy and cupcake sales, as well as those of you who cut a check because you realize the value of this ministry. We have 9 teens and young adults joining Lynn and I for the trip this June/July. Please continue to support our efforts to lower our personal cost of \$1800 per person.



Converge Young Adult Coordinator – Converge has really been a blessing to many people. I hear and see discipling going on, a new women's Bible Study has complemented the young men's Bible study that started a few months ago, and the young adults are stepping up to assist the teens provide music for 4:12 and *CREW* youth groups worship. We were recently visited by the pastor, an Elder, and a young adult from First Pres. of Mt. Clements, in order to set up a young adult program patterned after ours. A big shout out to Bangkok 96 and West Point Barbeque for providing a free meal to the young adults at Converge in January and February. Have a favorite restaurant that would be willing to have us pick up a free meal for about 30 adults? Call me at 313-562-5961 and let me know your contact. At the time that his article went to press, Converge was looking for a high school student or mom who would commit to be a weekly child-care sitter every Saturday from 6-10 PM. We usually have between 2-6 pre-school aged kids. Call Jonathan at 313-306-2792 for details. Thanks again to DNA for providing the funds for this so that the entire Converge event each week is totally free to the participants. Also, thanks for the church web site. Jonathan and I have committed to keeping our stuff very current.

CREW Youth Group – I am so happy to be back in the saddle leading the HS teens. This month our theme is "Food." We will watch a movie about competitive "baggers" from supermarkets across the US, have a food drive and competitive food games ourselves, Feed the Hungry in the Cass Corridor, and have an appetizer contest, as we study God's Word each week. Just recently, we had a worship workshop and the teens put together a worship service for themselves and the mid-highs. Thanks to all the young adults who assisted with the worship workshops and service! We desire to make worship a part of 4:12 and *CREW* at least twice a month.

~God's Peace, Mike Hoffman, CLP

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

PW Bible Study - Class continues on Thursdays at 10:00am in the North Parlor.
~Lorraine Lamkin

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion/2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm SundayEveBibleStudy- BertEbi's	4 7:00pm-9:00pm GreetingCard-R12 7:30pm-9pm BoyScoutTroop-YC 8pm-12am Y.Adult BibleStudy-YL DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	5 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	6 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-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:00pm-9pm Outreach&Missions-SP 7:15pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:15pm-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct. Turco
3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:00am Peru Gourmet Cupcake Sale- Narthex 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm SundayEveBibleStudy- BertEbi's	11 11:30am-2:00pm GardenClub-MH 5:30pm-10:00pm BoyScoutCouncil Pre-Camp- MH, Kit, SP, YC, YL 7:00pm-8:00pm Deacons- R12 7:00pm NAMI- NP 8pm-12am Y.AdultBibleStudy-R16 DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	12 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9:00am-2pm MissionSewing-MH, Kit., Sewing Room No Prayers & Squares due to Mission Sewing 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	13 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:15pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:15pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
4th Sunday in Lent Baptism of Mailan and Evelyn Reid Reception of New Members 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:00am Open Reception for the Reid Baptisms- MH (K) 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm SundayEveBibleStudy- BertEbi's	18 7:30pm-9:00pm BoyScoutTroop-YC 8pm-12am Y.Adult Bible Study-YL DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	19 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 5:30pm-6:30pm Finance- SP 7:00pm SESSION -NP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	20 10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm PROGRAM Staff-SP 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:15pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:15pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
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Seder Meal

Christian Family Seder

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012

Mitchell Hall - 6pm

Experience the Passover meal with other Christians, as we seek to understand what happened during Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We will have a modified Seder celebration with a simple meal and communion, followed by a brief Tenebrae service.

We will need help with set-up, food preparation, clean-up, cooking. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex to volunteer. See Ann Bleivik if you have any questions.

'Book of the Every Other Month' Discussion Group

Please join us in the North Parlor on Saturday, March 10th at 10:00am to discuss Rob Bell's Love Wins and C.S. Lewis' The Great Divorce. We welcome new additions to our group!



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.**

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.

Touch of Hope Easter Offering

The Easter Offering for our Touch of Hope families will take place on March 25th. Many of our families are struggling. Families receive a Kroger gift card for perishables and non-perishable items that are donated by the congregation. Donated items include non-perishable food, paper products, personal care items, and cleaning supplies. Bagged Easter candy would also be appreciated. We presently have 15 families. Bringing 15 of one item is helpful during the sorting process; all items are appreciated in any amount. Please check the expiration dates on your items before bringing them to church. If you are unable to attend church on the 25th items can be donated at the church office before the event. Many hands will be needed to sort items. Please consider giving some time on Sunday morning March 25th to help sort and pack.



Young children in our families will receive an Easter basket. Sponsors and families will pick up items for delivery after the service on March 25th. We thank the sponsors for their year-round commitment to the community outreach Touch of Hope provides. We also thank our generous congregation members who support the Touch of Hope Ministry by donating time, money and non-perishable items to this ministry.

If you would like to get more involved in Touch of Hope or planning for the Easter Offering please contact Margie Maurer at (313) 563-9520.

2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

The 2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study is available in the narthex if you would like a copy. This is a great resource for daily devotions and study within the context of PCUSA mission and ministry around the world.



Prayer & Wholeness Service



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

Transportation Volunteers

The Deacons are looking to start a list of volunteers who would be willing to help with the transportation of our members, as needed. If you would be willing to help, please contact Nancy Barber at (313) 565-2741. We appreciate your consideration to help us serve our congregation. We currently have a need in the Howard School area.

Sample-size Toiletries

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY It's Okay to Be Human . . .



An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus

experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders Art Hughes (313-383-2589) or Chris Mayer (313-562-1943). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Girl Scouts celebrate 100 years!

The Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) describes itself as “the world’s preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls.” It was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 and was organized after Low met Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, in 1911. Upon returning to Savannah, Georgia, she made her historic telephone call to a distant cousin, saying, “I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we’re going to start it tonight!” Congratulations to GSUSA for 100 years of success in empowering girls and in teaching them honesty, fairness, courage, compassion, and character.

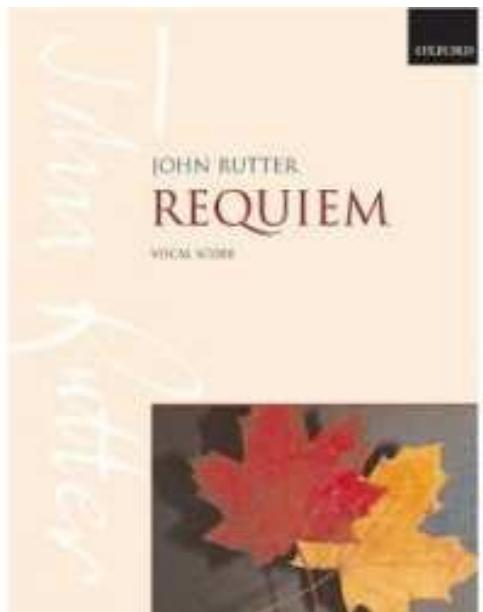


Choir Concert

Sunday, March 25th

Please join us for a concert presentation of John Rutter's *Requiem* on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

This beautifully moving work will be presented by the Adult Choir and instrumentalists in a one hour afternoon concert. Please plan to come out with some friends to hear our Adult Choir's Lenten offering to the congregation!



Coming Soon!

**Puppet Party
Saturday, April 21st 1-3pm**

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A HUGE THANK-YOU

On behalf of our entire family, we want to give a huge "Thank you" to all our dear Family of Faith friends. Your prayers for our daughter Kara and her husband Michael for the safe arrival of their baby Samuel into the world touched all of our hearts. Samuel's "early" appearance was unexpected but he is thriving and left the hospital on Saturday, Feb. 4th (his 3 week birthday). Once again, your loving concern for everyone was overwhelming and much appreciated. We are blessed to have such dear friends, we are eternally grateful.

God Bless!!! ~Herb & Lorraine Lamkin



For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22

The basic point of the Christian faith is that apart from Jesus Christ, we are all sinners headed to judgment and eternal condemnation.

God calls us to be holy (*1 Peter 1:14-16; Lev. 11:45, 46; 19:2; Matt 5:48; Heb. 12:14*), which means being pure and set apart for God's purposes -- but we are not! Against holiness, we are all sinners (*Mark 10:18; Rom 3: 9 – 18, 23*). Jesus said the path to Hell is wide, easy, and tragically crowded (*Matt 7:13, 14*). Spiritual death is the default condition (*Heb. 9:27*).

The Good News is that Christ paid for our sins so God could make us holy -- that is God's grace. No one but Christ was willing and able to pay for our sins. Without Christ, we would have to pay for our own sins, which would destroy us (*Ezekiel 18:20; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 20:15*) -- that is God's justice. But God sent His Son so we could be made holy and given eternal life -- that is God's love and mercy!

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (*Rom 6:23*). How can we escape if we ignore such a great salvation (*Heb. 2:1-3*)?

When we believe the Gospel and repent (*Mark 1:15*), we are saved and made righteous in Christ by faith (*Rom 3:22, 24; 4:25; 8:30*) and given eternal life (*John 17:3*). Peace, joy, and mission flow from this.

Do you have God's forgiveness, peace, and joy in your soul? Come to the throne of grace (*Heb. 4:16*) to receive mercy and find grace. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (*Rom 10:13*).

~ John Holden

'One Great Hour of Sharing' Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will take place from March 18 to April 8. As always, anyone can designate their offering envelope for this and other ministries at any time, or you can use the special One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes located on the tables in the narthex. The funds will go to Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), and Self-Development of People (32%). Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.
~Joel DeHamer, Outreach and Mission

Care for the Caregivers

"Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10: 10b).

The church would like to reach out to those of you who have been, and currently are, caregivers. One way that God can "redeem" the difficulties that we have in life, is by encouraging us to reach out with the wisdom, knowledge and love we have received, and give it to others. If you would be interested in exploring how the church might encourage and equip Caregivers, please contact me at

cmayer83@gmail.com. Thanks, Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

March Birthdays

03/01:	Katherine Klein, Keith Ingram, Colton Wyatt
03/02:	Helen Kane
03/04:	Dean Masouredis
03/05:	Rachel Conte, Donna Barringer
03/06:	Zander Perkovich
03/07:	Walter Siegl
03/08:	Austin Watson
03/09:	James Jensen, Carole Speier, Delia Warner, Susan Ingram
03/10:	Grover Gibbs
03/12:	Violet Gavorek, Thomas Watts
03/15:	Carl Bryer, Mary Jo Miller
03/16:	Jane Lewy, Jon Szczechura
03/18:	Dorothy Ebi, Marion Holowaty
03/21:	Bonnie Kutt, Anne Joachim
03/22:	Bill Schanz
03/24:	Amanda Brailsford
03/25:	Georgine Jensen
03/26:	Dorinda Hughes
03/28:	Patricia Ervin, Randy Bruder
03/29:	Dave Young
03/30:	Robert Todd, Catherine Hults, Michael Maurer
03/31:	Joel DeHamer

CLEBRATIONS Births:

Congratulations to Cory & JoAnn Sadler on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Grace! Joining her big brother CJ, little Evelyn was born February 6th, 2012 and weighed 7lb., 15oz.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am

March 4 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

March 11/ - Rev. Dave Bleivik

March 18 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

March 25 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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Are you praying for Vision?
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