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to God's love

# Our Vision

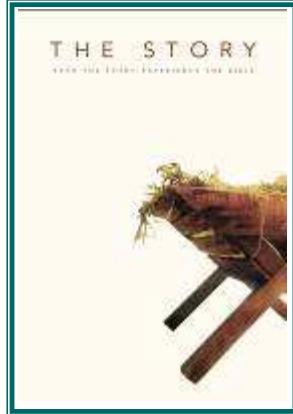
The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
March 2013 Newsletter



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day- 3/17



**Special Lenten Concert**  
Join us for this special event  
with small orchestra and  
choirs.  
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## "The Story"

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

Please join us on our journey:

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



**Giggles & Grub**  
Saturday, March 2,  
5:00pm  
See page 4

Please note that communion has been moved from March 3rd to March 10th.



## He is Risen!



**Please join us for these special Easter events:**

<b>March 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	~~~~~	<b>10am</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	~~~~~	<b>7pm</b>
Tenebrae Service with communion			
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	~~~~~	<b>12-12:45pm</b>
Worship in the Sanctuary			
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
<i>Brunch in Mitchell Hall</i> ~~~~~ <b>8:45am</b>			
<i>Worship in Sanctuary</i> ~~~~~ <b>10am</b>			



### **Sunday Morning Adult Class**

Our adult class during Lent is **The Story**. We are now in the New Testament. We've seen in God's Upper Story that He created us in order to be in relationship with us. With the Fall, that relationship was broken and God instituted His plan to reconcile that relationship. The plan has carried humans through the flood, the patriarchs, the bondage in Egypt, the deliverance, the nation building, the time of the judges, the time of the kings, the exiles, and the return to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the Temple and the city walls. Do you see how God has been at work in all of these Lower Stories? How has He been preparing His people for the coming of Jesus?

How is your Lower Story? Do you see God at work in your life? Do you see how you fit into His Upper Story? God's people were chosen to live in obedience and to be a witness to the world as to who God is. Do you know who God is? What kind of a witness are you?

Join us Sunday mornings at 9am as we continue through **The Story** and learn who Jesus is, why He came, what He did, and how He saves. We meet in Mitchell Hall and have a simple breakfast while we study. Then we head to worship where our theme for the day continues, helping all of us draw closer to God through our knowledge, our understanding, and our response to Him.

**There will be no Sunday School on Easter, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### **FISH**

Our Wednesday evening adult class during Lent is **"Not A Fan"**. This video/discussion class is led by Mike Hoffman and meets in the North Parlor. Dinner is at 6, worship at 6:45 and class at 7:15.

Being a Christian does not mean sitting in the stands, cheering on the participants, like at a sporting event. Being a Christian means following Jesus, serving as He leads, and sharing His gospel with others. See you Wed. evenings.

We also offer an adult class of **The Story** for those who can not attend on Sunday mornings. We meet in the South Parlor for our video and discussions. Feel free to drop in any Wed.

There will be no FISH Wed. March 27 and April 3 due to Holy Week and Spring Break. We will resume April 10th.

### **Step by Step in God's Word**

Our verses for the next couple of months are:

March 3	Psalm 90:12	Apr 7	1 Corinthians 13:11
March 10	Proverbs 16:16	Apr 14	1 Peter 5:2
March 17	Galatians 5:22-23	Apr 21	Ephesians 4:31-32
March 24	Proverbs 22:6	Apr 28	Isaiah 41:10
March 31	Luke 24:1-6		



~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

## Children's Ministry

**Thank You!** to all our teachers and volunteers for making 2012-2013 such a great year for kids!! Jennelle Richie, Joann Isaacson, Julia Casey, Andrew Mayer, Jim and Rebecca Scott, we appreciate you!! There is always a need for more helpers. Let us know if you'd like to be a part of the children's ministry at First Presbyterian Church.



**Mother's Day** is coming up on Sunday, May 12. Our Mother's Day service is always a special treat for all. All of our classes, preschool through youth, participate, putting together a remarkable service in honor of the special women in our lives. If your child would like to participate, make sure they come to class! There will be contributions from Sunday School, Wednesday night FISH, Children's Church, Confirmation Class and Youth Group. Contact Ann Bleivik, Beckie Dicks or Jonathan Mallard with questions.

### **VBS 2013 ~ July 22-26      *Preschool through Fifth Grade***

Join Apostle Paul on his Second Missionary Journey with this **Athens** Vacation Bible School adventure! Visit Paul and Silas in prison, learn of their miraculous escape, face angry mobs and hear the Gospel of Christ preached. Learn the amazing story of the Apostle Paul - straight from Paul himself! Kids and adults will "time-travel" back to ancient Athens. They'll meet Paul, learn about his jaw-dropping experiences, go to the Arena Games for fun Olympic "training" and visit the busy Athenian Marketplace for snacks and activities.

Contact Beckie Dicks if you'd like to volunteer. Mid-highers through adults are welcome. If you have a particular area where you'd like to serve, call soon. Spots fill up!! **We will have a planning meeting on March 17**, immediately following the church service. All are welcome!



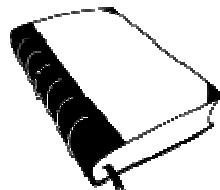
*See you at VBS!*

Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

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### **'Book of the Every Other Month' Discussion Group**

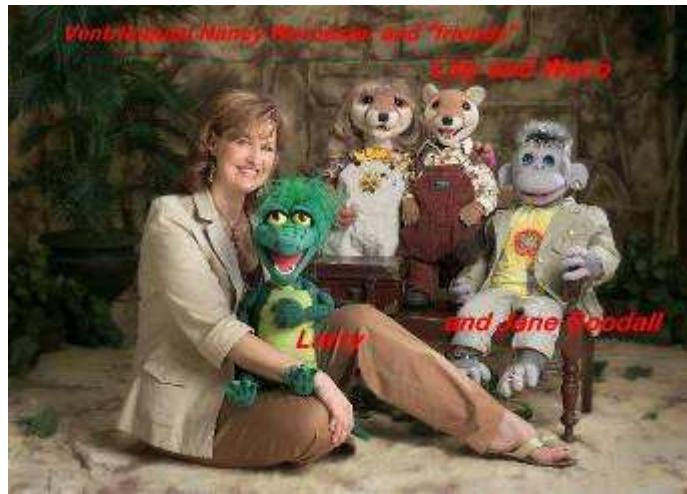
The Book of the Every Other Month Club meets next on **March 9th**. We will be discussing **The Madonnas of Leningrad** by Debra Dean. **See you at 10:00am.**



*One of the most talked about books of the year... Bit by bit, the ravages of age are eroding Marina's grip on the everyday. And while the elderly Russian woman cannot hold on to fresh memories — the details of her grown children's lives, the approaching wedding of her grandchild — her distant past is preserved: vivid images that rise unbidden of her youth in war-torn Leningrad.*

# Giggles & Grub!

Come to our 5th Annual Giggles & Grub on Saturday March 2nd. Nancy Worcester and her wonderful family of puppets are returning for another evening of fun and fellowship. The event is free and includes dinner for everyone! Nancy is a fabulous storyteller and the kids and adults all enjoy her. Please feel free to bring friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or anyone you think would enjoy a few laughs combined with a thoughtful message. If you have any questions please contact Kim Doverspike at [kim.doverspike1@gmail.com](mailto:kim.doverspike1@gmail.com).



## Touch of Hope Easter Offering

The Easter Offering for our Touch of Hope families will take place on March 17. Many of our families are struggling. Families receive a Kroger gift card for perishables and non-perishable items 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 16 families. Bringing 8 or 16 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17 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 17. 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.

## Musings from Pastor Mike

*Commissioned Ruling Elder (Lay Pastor) and Director of Young Adult Ministries*

**Pastoral Duties:** I was blessed to be able to put together the Ash Wednesday Service this past month (thanks Pastor Dave). It was awesome to involve so many young adults. Musicians **Jonathan Mallard, Mike Pierfederici, Don Stantill, Rich DeGrand, Peter Bankwitz, and readers Ann Witkowski, Chris Masouredis**, and my “old” buddy, **Bob Szczechura**. Likewise, putting together and reading the pastoral prayer every so often has become a passion of mine. I recently participated in a one-day pastor’s retreat put on the Presbytery of Detroit held in Dewitt, MI. I took a class on conflict management presented by the pro himself, the **Rev. Allen Timm**, Executive Presbyter of Detroit. Much of my week is spent each month in mentoring young adults spiritually, vocationally, and emotionally. Thank-you **Lynn** for being such a patient wife!

**Director of Young Adult Ministries:** I participated in the formation of the Presbytery of Detroit Leadership Day held at First Church Dearborn, took part in the worship service, and presented a workshop twice that day about Converge. I had 20 participants from various churches in the Metro Area. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads these individuals to start a young adult ministry at their home churches. **Jonathan Mallard** and I meet 2 hours per week and once a month for a 4-6 hour retreat to discuss various components of the Young Adult Ministries, Youth Groups, and Sunday School. We are so fortunate that even though we have separate job duties, we “cross the line” and help each other as a team of two. Recently we have used Gil Rendles’ book, *Holy Conversations* to assist us in differentiating between being managers and being leaders. More information on this next month. Also next month: A Converge, multi-band concert on May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10 PM in Mitchell Hall that is the brainchild of young adult **Richie DeGrand**. Possible radio and TV Converage is in the works...this will be simply “DeGrand”!

**Bible on the Boulevard, Baby! Senior High Sunday School:** Take 4 smart teens and two excited teachers, mix them up, send them out, and look-out world! A huge thank-you to **Sue Young** for co-teaching and to **Lou Orcutt** for a refurbished laptop to use for lessons! **GrouPeru! '13:** Thanks church family for all your support. The 8 of us are gearing up for our trip in mid June. So much to do and a few fund-raisers left. Keep us; **David Carlson, Lynn, Mike, and Elissa Hoffman, Brad Ciaglia, Rich DeGrand, Ann Witkowski, and Courtney** (from another, out-of-state, Presbyterian church) in your prayers!

~God’s Peace - Pastor Mike



## Music Corner

Welcome to a busy March! This month we finish Lent and the last day of the month is Easter! We have lots of music coming up. On March 9 we have the Chorister's Guild Children and Youth Choir Music Festival with Mary Alice Stollak. Mary Alice is the former director of the Michigan State Children's Choir and a nationally renowned children's clinician. The afternoon will end with a short concert by all the children at the festival, usually we have around 100 children. The concert will begin at 2:00pm.

On Sunday, March 17, will be our Adult Choir's Lenten concert at 4:00pm. This year we will be doing Gabriel Fauré's Requiem with a small orchestra. This will be our 2nd Annual Lenten Concert. Come help support us in this new tradition!

On Thursday, March 28, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday with a Tenebrae Service written by composer Richard Shepherd. This reflective piece will be accompanied by organ and a low brass quartet of French Horn and 3 Trombones. Our three trombone players are all members of our church, Dean Massouredis, Scott Seashore, and Dan Saylor. We hope you can be there as we revisit the last evening of Christ on earth through music. Communion will be served.

On Sunday, March 31 we celebrate Resurrection Sunday with Brass players from Dearborn High School. We have a wonderful fellowship breakfast at 8:45 that morning, with brass and organ prelude music beginning at 9:45 in the Sanctuary. Come Join Us!

See You In Church!

~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

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## Lenten Mid-week Worship Services

Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Chapel

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



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## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Presbyterian Women's Bible study will focus on a Lenten series beginning Thursday, February 28, 2013 - Thursday, March 21, 2013. Using selected materials, we will be preparing ourselves through scripture/prayer/meditation/discussion for a glorious Easter Sunday. Meetings are held in the North Parlor (10:00-11:30am). ~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.

## Mission Sewing

Happy New Year to all you fellow sewers. Our Mission Sewing day is fast approaching. It will be on Tuesday March 12, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a break for lunch at noon. We will be finishing some baby blankets and perhaps another kind of project as well. For our more recent members of the church family, Mission Sewing is a day when we make and sew articles which are sent to various charities in the Metropolitan Area. We have a wonderful sewing room furnished with sewing machines, thread, etc. All you have to do is sew a straight seam - no fancy stuff. Our sewing room is on the second level at the end of the hall. A light lunch will be prepared. So bring yourself, bring a friend, bring your mom, etc.. It is a fun day and some little babies will thank you. If you have questions call the church or send me an e-mail : olimpiatodor36@gmail.com and leave me your e-mail address so I can respond.

Yours in Christ, ~Olimpia Todor



## ♪ 3 Thank You ♪

*We'd like to thank all of our volunteers (listed below) who helped with the Presbytery Leadership event on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everything went well, because you all gave of your time, talents, and hearts. Thank you to all who helped with collating materials, greeting and guiding the attendees, registering people, leading worship, providing food, parking cars, providing tech support, and serving as general "go-fors".*

*What a blessing you are!*

<b>Bonnie Andrews</b>	<b>Jane Dearth</b>	<b>Sue Ingram</b>
<b>Nancy Barber</b>	<b>Mark Dearth</b>	<b>Pat Knoop</b>
<b>Mary Ann Bassett</b>	<b>Richard DeGrand</b>	<b>Chris Masouredis</b>
<b>Ann Bleivik</b>	<b>Joel DeHamer</b>	<b>Brian Mayer</b>
<b>Alan Brailsford</b>	<b>Nancy DeHamer</b>	<b>Bob Missler</b>
<b>Jose Brailsford</b>	<b>Ralph Evangelista</b>	<b>Diane Missler</b>
<b>Bob Brinton</b>	<b>Lynn Hoffman</b>	<b>Wes Pelling</b>
<b>Caroline Bristol</b>	<b>Mike Hoffman</b>	<b>Ann Phillips</b>
<b>Lewis Britz</b>	<b>Phoebe Hough</b>	<b>Charlene Reid</b>
<b>Steven Britz</b>	<b>Dorinda Hughes</b>	<b>Margaret Richards</b>
<b>Fran Buckley</b>	<b>Jeremy Hughes</b>	<b>Dan Saylor</b>
<b>Mary Currie</b>	<b>Tim Huth</b>	<b>Tracie Szczechura</b>
<b>Jim Barber</b>		

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# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30pm-5pm Handbell Choir- BellRoom 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6-7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg.- R16, R12 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	3 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	4  5 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- F 7:15-8pm Classes- MH, NP 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>Communion /4th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- BellRoom 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's  <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b>	10 11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH <b>5:30-10pm B. Scout Precamp- YL, SP, MH, K</b> 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7-8pm Deacons- R12  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	11  12 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares <b>10am-2pm Mission Sewing- MH, Kit., Sewing Room</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- F 7:15-8pm Classes- MH, NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:30am-1pm T. of Hope Easter Offer.- MH</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> No Children's Choir 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL <b>4-5:30pm Choir Concert- Sanctuary</b> No Handbell Choir No Youth Choir 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6-7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg.- R16, R12 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	17 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	18  19 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP 7pm <b>SESSION -NP</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>PROGRAM Staff- SP</b> 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- F 7:15-8pm Classes- MH, NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>Palm Sunday/Holy Week begins</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am GrouPeru Soup &amp; Salad Lunch &amp; Flower Flat orders- MH, K</b> 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	24 2-4pm Homeschool Class- MH, Kit. 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	25  26 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7-8pm Technology- R12 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-1pm Keenagers- MH (K) 10am-4pm Treasure Chest <b>No FISH</b> <b>No Confirmation Class</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>EASTER</b> 8:45-9:45am Easter Brunch- MH (K) <b>No Education Hour</b> 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>NO OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS DAY</b>	31		

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		World Day of Prayer	1	Set up Communion 9-11am Rebekah Circle- MH or R12 9-10:30am DNA- R16 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- <b>R16</b> <b>5-7pm Giggles &amp; Grub- MH, K, Sanctuary</b> 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
6 R16	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6-7pm Personnel- SP 7-9pm Converge Band- YL	7 4-6pm Set-up for Music Festival 6:30-9pm Game Night- MH	8	8:30am-4pm Chorister's Guild Music Festival- Sanct., Narthex, K, MH, <b>N&amp;SP, YC</b> 10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
13 R16	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 7-9pm Converge Band- YL	14 4:30pm Set up for Scrapbook- <b>MH, K</b>	15	9:00am PW Board- NP 9-10:30am DNA- R16 <b>9am-9pm Scrapbook Event- MH, K</b> 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
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27	Maundy Thursday  No PW Bible Study No B. B. Seniors <b>7pm Tenebrae Service in Sanctuary</b> 7-9pm Converge Band- YL	28 Good Friday	29 12-12:45pm Worship- Sanctuary  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON</b>	30 9-10:30am DNA- R16 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A

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## HomeFriends

Some of you remember when First Church had HomeFriends – members who “adopted” another member who wanted someone to talk to and be a special friend to them. Often the person was homebound, but not always. The HomeFriend(s) would call and/or visit this person periodically and, in general, just be someone who by their actions showed the person they were not forgotten.



Deacons are considering starting up this special ministry again and are looking for those who would like to have someone call/visit them to let us know of their interest. We also are looking for members who would be interested in being this friend to someone in need. If you are interested in either being or having such a friend, please contact Dottie Kennedy to let us know of your interest. She can be reached at 734-525-6833 or by mail at 14163 Merriman, Livonia MI 48154-4262. You may also leave her a message by calling the church at 313-274-1313 and having the message put in her mail slot in the office.

Those of us who were HomeFriends before found this very rewarding both on the giving and receiving ends of the program. Please consider letting someone new into your life and you will both reap the rewards of a close communion with each other and with God.

~Dottie Kennedy



### Bronx, NY Disaster Relief Trip

A few of our young adults would like to be able to go on a week-long disaster relief trip to help clean-up after Hurricane Sandy in mid-May. The Presbytery of Detroit (POD) has asked me to lead the entire group of members from First Dearborn as well as other Metro Detroit Presbyterians this time. Since our young adults have college and rent costs to cover, funds are tight for most of them. If you feel called to sponsor (in full or part...approximately \$200) or have some jobs that need doing around your home that you could pay the young adult for, please contact Pastor Mike, CRE and Director of Young Adult Ministries at [pastormike929@gmail.com](mailto:pastormike929@gmail.com) or drop a check in the offering plate with Young Adult Disaster Relief Trip in the memo area. Thanks and God Bless!

~Mike Hoffman

***Pray for God to provide  
for our financial needs.***

## **Noteworthy**

- 3/9 ~ Chorister's Guild Music Festival.
- 3/10~ Daylight Savings time Begins
- 3/16~ Scrapbook event.
- 3/17~ Lenten choir concert in the sanctuary.
- 3/20~ Spring begins!
- 3/24~ Palm Sunday.  
~ Group Peru Soup & Salad Lunch.
- 3/31~ EASTER!!

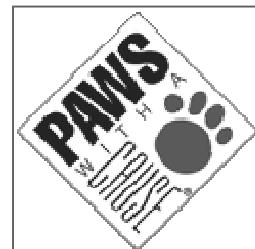
## ***Introducing Peanut...***

Have you seen a cute little doggie in worship lately with Bill and Dottie Kennedy? Her name is Peanut, and she is a Papillion puppy who is in training for "Paws With a Cause." She is learning to become a hearing-ear dog for a deaf person. Bill and Dottie will be bringing her to church with them whenever they come.

**While it's fine to talk to Peanut when you see her, they ask that you do not try to pet her yet. This could distract her and interfere with her training.**

Thank you for being patient with Peanut while she learns "the ropes" of being a well-trained service dog.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have dog allergies, please speak to Pastor Dave.



**Sunday Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at [vickid@firstpresdearborn.org](mailto:vickid@firstpresdearborn.org). Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

**Our Vision** is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to Jim Barber at [jimb@firstpresdearborn.org](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.**

## Stewardship Feedback

Please review the summary of last year's giving, below: Again, many members of our congregation increased their giving last year. Versus 2011 calendar year giving, there has been an increase in giving across most levels of this chart; as new givers increase their contributions, more mature givers in the middle of the chart have also been stepping up their giving. The top two steps/giving categories of this chart increased by almost 20%. Please note that our population of givers evolves each year as givers leave, and new givers start to contribute. Increased giving helps maintain and add new programs as our membership continues to transition. Thank you for your continue help and support!!

## **BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING**

**Based on 2012 calendar year total giving**

Weekly giving, single/special gifts were divided by 52  
giving unit = family / common offering envelope



**CAN YOU GROW  
ANOTHER STEP THIS  
YEAR?**

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**



For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, life can be filled with painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy you long for seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Art Hughes (313) 383-2589 or Chris Mayer (313) 562-1943. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 5th Annual Giggles & Grub Saturday, March 2nd

Ventriloquist & storyteller Nancy Worcester & her puppet friends!

**Dinner at 5pm; Show begins at approximately 5:30pm**

**IT'S FREE!**

*(Nancy returns March 3rd for the Sunday Service at 10am)*



### *Wedding Celebration!*

*Congratulations to Kate Bruder and Billy Greenman who were married on January 26th in Peru.*



### *SPECIAL LENTEN CONCERT*

*Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm in our Sanctuary*

*Joins us as we present Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* with a small orchestra.*

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

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

Join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month for Christian Fellowship and Information as we go for lunch, or meet in Mitchell Hall. Check the Keenager bulletin board for details and sign-up sheet.



**Be careful not to do your' acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven... When you give to the needy, do not announce it... to be honored by men; give in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

**And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites...to be seen by men... They have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

*Matthew 6:1 - 6*

Why do you and I pray and do good works? Reasons might include: to please God, to love our neighbor, to be accepted at church, to be respected in the community, etc. Here Jesus was rebuking Pharisees who demonstrated their good deeds and prayers publicly to be honored by men. Jesus teaches that when prayers and good deeds are matters between a person and God, God rewards; If they are public matters, then let the public reward. We can choose to be honored by men, or we can please God, but we cannot do both. (*Matt 10:22; Luke 6:26; John 5:44; 12:43; 2 Tim 3:12*).

Integrity reflects what we do when no one is watching. God is always watching. Remember that **"Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."** Therefore, serve God from the heart and meet with Him in secret.

God is personal, and He deals with us individually because He loves us and wants us to know Him. Do not waste prayer and good deeds on status, which is selfish and temporary, because the blessings which come from pleasing God in secret are eternal! God alone rewards us richly (*James 1:17*). God bless, ~John Holden

*Our Sincere Condolences*

~ to Marshall, Beckie, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Geoffrey Dicks on the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 passing of Marshall's father, Dale Alden Dicks.

~ to Trudy and Dave Monroe and family on the February 12, 2013 passing of Trudy's mother, Evelyn Maxine Sharp.

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

## 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."*



## March



03/01:	Keith Ingram, Colton Wyatt
03/02:	Helen Kane
03/04:	Dean Masouredis
03/05:	Rachel Conte, Donna Barringer
03/06:	Zander Perkovich
03/08:	Austin Watson
03/09:	James Jensen, Carole Speier, Delia Warner, Susan Ingram
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

## Thank You

Thank you to all of our church family who prayed for, and who attended Dad's Memorial Service. It meant so much to my brother and me and to our families to have your support during this time.

~Marshall, Beckie, Catherine, Elizabeth and Geoffrey Dicks

~Matthew, Kelli, Darby and Donovan Dicks

## NOTICE

Due to cost and liability issues, the church's wifi will be turned off during the week and will only be available for church events and ministry, and for Sunday morning ministry.

## CORRECTION

I left Lou Orcutt off the Finance Committee 2012 Annual Report. Lou is a long-time member of the Finance Committee, and he provides expertise especially in the area of insurance. I apologize for the error.

Joel DeHamer, Finance Committee chair

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

**March 3 / - Nancy Worcester, *The Story* Chapter Chapter 23**

**March 10 / - Communion, *The Story* Chapter 24**

**March 17 / - *The Story* Chapter 25**

**March 24 / - *The Story* Chapter 26**

**March 31 / - EASTER**

**April 7 / - Communion, *The Story* Chapter 27**

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## Our Vision

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