



Come home  
to God's love

# Our Vision

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**  
**March 2015 Newsletter**



St. Patrick's Day  
Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>



## Lenten Worship Service

following F.I.S.H. dinner

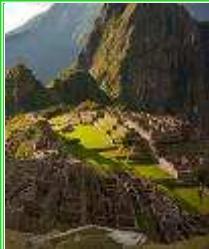
**Wednesdays, 6:45pm ~ in the chapel**



**Giggles & Grub**  
**Come join the fun!!**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00pm dinner;  
show to follow!

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## Peru Team 2015

### Fundraiser Luncheon

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
11am in Mitchell Hall

The First Presbyterian  
Church of Dearborn

*presents*

## *Messe Solennelle*

by

*Louis Vierne*

Sunday, March 22, 2015

4:00pm

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

907 North Brandy

*At the end of the 20th anniversary  
Golden Era of the concert building  
and the creation of the First  
Presbyterian Church*

## 50th Anniversary Concert

*Please join us as we showcase our organ  
in this it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.*

**4:00pm in the sanctuary**  
**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
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## Saturday Night Alive!

*Contemporary  
Praise & Prayer*

**Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30pm**  
**in the Youth Lounge!**

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## ***Our Lenten Journey.. And More!***

Well, I think February and March are a bit mixed up...February has come in like a Lion...and we can only hope that March is lamblike. That was a segue into the road to Jerusalem... our family of faith spiritual journey.

As we began with Ash Wednesday, then the first Sunday of the Lenten Season, we reviewed the story of Moses and the burning bush – and were introduced to the “I AM” statements of Jesus. In week one it was Jesus as the Bread of Life – knowing God’s satisfaction; week two the true vine-Knowing God’s power; week three, the children will share the story of the Good Shepherd which exhibits God’s care. In the fourth week Jesus familiar words from John 14:6-“ I am the Way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Marshall will lead us in considering how to know God’s way. The last of the series deals with Jesus statement: “ I am the resurrection and the life.” The great hope granted to us through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. A people of hope in a world in travail.

There are several special events of course. Worship and Arts will be presenting Giggles and Grub on March 7<sup>th</sup> featuring Nancy Worcester and her puppets. While also visiting some local schools, on Sunday she will bring the message in our morning worship.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> our choir will present a Lenten concert at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year in this Sanctuary and the installation and dedication of the Organ.

A special thanks to Lynn Hoffman as she gathers knitters – there is also conversation mentioned. Olimpia Todor has offered a new class for those interested in sewing. She will bring her talents to share with those who wish to learn how to use a sewing machine – we have 9 available. I suspect there will be conversation there as well.

One of the great joys we have as a family of faith is celebrating with our members when a significant event occurs in their lives. So it is that we will have recognition for Dick and Bette Smith on March 1<sup>st</sup> as we join them in their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration in Mitchell Hall following worship.

We are a people of the Book...and, a people of prayer. My hope is that you will use this Lenten season to deepen your faith and find opportunities to share the Good News of joy and hope that we have as Christians. That is known as evangelism - thanks to Bunny Barr who has agreed to chair an FPC Evangelism Committee. Members include: Nancy Barber, Fran Buckley, Janet Leslie and Shirley Painter.

Peace and Blessings, See you in Church

***Pastor Don***

## Children's Ministry

You may not believe it yet, but it's almost summer! We've already begun planning **VBS 2015**. Please mark July 13-17 on your calendar! Our theme this year is **Everest**. On our icy expedition we'll learn to overcome obstacles by God's grace and power. Kids will learn rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges.

There are many ways that you can help with VBS:

1. **Pray!** Mark July 13-17 on your calendar. Pray for the planning process, decorating, leader preparation, and most of all, pray for the children who will come through our doors.
2. **Volunteer!** We can use all types of volunteers - teachers, leaders, planners, administrators. Contact Beckie Dicks at [bdicks1220@gmail.com](mailto:bdicks1220@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.
3. **Donate!** Keep an eye out for upcoming sign-up sheets for snack and craft items that we will need for VBS.
4. **Loan!** Our decorators are already hard at work. Please let me know at [bdicks1220@gmail.com](mailto:bdicks1220@gmail.com) if you have (and we may display) the following items for VBS week:
  - ~ Artificial Christmas trees
  - ~ Hiking/climbing supplies, including boots, ropes, back packs, etc.
  - ~ Small tents
  - ~ Sleeping bags
  - or any other items you think might go well at a base camp(all loaned items will be displayed but not used. We will not actually be climbing any mountains!)

*~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator*



## Identity: What "Hat" Are You Wearing?

4:12 Youth Ministry, Jonathan Mallard

What did you want to be when you grew up? A pilot? Fire-fighter? Doctor? Veterinarian? Many of these occupations require uniforms and hats appropriate to the line of work. It's easy to identify a construction worker when they have a hard hat on, and a firefighter suited up for duty has a mask to protect his face, along with an oxygen supply. In the same way, we are often expected to wear different "hats", or identities, by the world. "Be an A student!" "Be a rebel." "Be successful in your career." "Be attractive." "Be a jock." "Be the person **I need** you to be." These messages barrage us from the media, groups of friends, bosses, family, etc. But what identity does God want you to have?

We've learned in 4:12 over the past couple months that God wants us to only wear the hat of being his child. Sure, we are called to be involved in all sorts of relationships and roles in this world, but they do not define who we are. As Christians, we have died to this world through our baptism, and we are raised to life as "new creations" by the Holy Spirit. Don't settle for anything less than the glorious calling God has given you as his child. Don't try to appease the voices telling you to find your identity in things or people other than Jesus. He created you, he loves you, and he has a breathtaking vision for the man or woman you are becoming each day.



# Giggles & Grub!

Come to our 5th Annual Giggles & Grub on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. 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).



## Talent Show - 2015

*Entertaining performances  
with lots of  
fun and laughter!!*





## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study** - This Bible study meets on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the North Parlor of First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. We have just completed a study, "Reconciling Paul; A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians," a thought provoking study leading to dynamic discussions. We are starting a new study on spiritual gifts, "Discovering God's Vision For Your Life," beginning January 29th, 2015, although anyone can join in at any time through out the study. (We expect the study to last approximately 16 weeks.) Come and join us for lively discussion as we deepen our relationship with Jesus through the study of His Word. Visit our blog for a review of this study and to discuss current PW events!! ~Jane Lewy

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**Lenten Mid-week Worship Services**  
Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Chapel  
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(Come for dinner at FISH at 6:00pm)

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**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.

## Music Corner



March and Lent are upon us! Please mark your calendars for our Lenten Concert on March 22<sup>nd</sup>! Our choir, in conjunction with the choir from Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be performing Louis Vierne's Solemn Mass (Messe Solennelle).

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris from 1900 to 1937. An amazingly gifted musician, Vierne was what we would call "legally blind" from birth due to congenital cataracts. Early in his life he worked with oversized staff paper, but later in life relied on Braille for most of his work.

Vierne was a gifted teacher; among his students were Lili and Nadia Boulanger, and the great organist Marcel Dupré. Nadia Boulanger went on to be a teacher of the great 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Composer Aaron Copland.

The Solemn Mass, composed in 1910 for the cathedral is for 2 organs and choir. At Notre Dame the "Grand Organ" is in a loft at the West end (main entrance) and the smaller "Choir Organ" is near the front and the Choir. We will be doing the same, with our great Aeolian Skinner organ as the "Grand Organ" and a chamber organ by Paul Ott as the choir organ in the front with the choirs.

We look forward to a fantastic concert, on which our Youth and Children's choirs will also be taking part. Again, please mark your calendars and get the word out! The entire concert is not over an hour and a half, and is a wonderful musical outreach of this church to the community.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary! I hope to see you there!

In Christ, Marshall

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*To: First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn Family*



*Thank you so very much for the lovely dish garden sent from your church. It meant so much to my daughter Chris and her husband, Brian, grandson, Drew, and me during this difficult time.*

*The Family of Daniel Fellows  
and Chris & Brian Mayer*

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## Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE – March 2015



I wasn't sure if I woke up because of the smell of the rich, dark coffee & burnt toast or because of the clanging of pans in the kitchen. After rolling out of bed, getting dressed and washing my face, I stumbled into the kitchen. My uncle Bill was already busy making a hot breakfast for our families. "Michael", he said (my uncle never called me Mike), I have our toast and coffee ready. Let's eat and drink quickly before your parents get up. I know that they don't approve of you drinking coffee as a teenager, so let's keep it our under wraps!" I admired my Uncle Bill. He was a true "U-per", living in Marquette most of his life and being the Director of Admissions at Northern Michigan University. He was a scholar, writer, outdoorsman, chef, the volunteer chaplain at Marquette Prison, and best of all, he introduced me to caffeinated Java!

"Michael, as soon as everyone finishes breakfast we'll all go to the sand dunes and pick blueberries. Our families got into his huge red Mercury and headed for the pure, white dunes. "Here's your buckets. Everyone try to pick and fill at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their containers. That will make up eight, nice pies." After returning home it was time for lunch. "Sandwiches everyone!" my Aunt Mary said. "And Better Made Chips" my mom yelled out, "Detroit's best!" My uncle asked, "Michael, can you help me wash the berries? Be gentle!" He showed me how to make pie crusts with fat drippings he had collected over the past few month. Once the pies were in the oven, he said, "Are you up to cutting lawn while the pies bake?" How could I say no to the man who introduced me to rich, dark coffee? "Sure thing, Uncle Bill!" We ducked into the garage and my uncle got out two lawn mowers. "Take one Michael, and follow me." We walked down the side walk but went beyond his property line. I was confused. Weren't we going to cut his lawn? We walked down three houses and he said, "Grace's lawn is yours. I am going across the street to cut Mariam's. Sound good?" "Sure Uncle Bill." As we walked home he explained that they were both widows, frail and aged. Just as we walked into the house the oven timer buzzed. "Let's check to see if the pies are finished." As my uncle glanced at the crusts he said, "Five more minutes." After he pulled the pies out and let them slightly cool, my Uncle Bill directed me to put on oven mitts. "Grab a pie, but be careful. Those blueberries are like molten lava." We walked back to both widow's house and gave them each a pie as he said, "God bless!" Once home again he said, "Ready to run another errand? Pack up four more pies. We've got to drive over to my Pastor John's house. His wife and six kids will really enjoy these!"

The Holy Spirit has given each Christian special gifts "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." – Ephesians 3:12. It wasn't until I taught a spiritual gifts class to adults at FPC a few years ago that I realized that by uncovering one's gifts, an individual can discover what God's vision for their life. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone." – 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. Discover your spiritual gifts today. Uncover your purpose, as you increase your joy, knowing that God has a reason why you are here in this time & place. My Uncle Bill did, and I am grateful that I was able to have him model servanthood (and introduce me to Java!) –Amen

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> Communion 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am Dick &amp; Bette Smith 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Mitchell Hall</b> 3-4:30pm 4:12 Group- YL, YC, 2A 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	1 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	2 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class- Sewing Rm. 7pm Property- Library 7-8pm Deacons- NP 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	3
<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Saving Time begins 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 3-4:30pm 4:12 Group- YL, YC, 2A 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	8 11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH <b>5:30-10pm B. Scout Pre-Camp Council- MH, K, YC, YL</b> 6:30pm NAMI- NP  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	9 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC <b>10am-2pm Mission Sewing- MH, K, Sewing Room</b> 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class- Sewing Rm. 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10
<b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>4:12 Youth Group at Springhill Camp</b> 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	15 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	16 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class- Sewing Rm. 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP 7pm <b>SESSION -NP</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH	17
<b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>T. of Hope Food collection begins- Narthex, Bride's Room</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am Peru Team Luncheon- MH, K</b> 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex <b>No 4:12 Group</b> No Children's Choir, Handbell or Youth Choir 4-5:30pm Lenten Concert- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	22 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	23 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class- Sewing Rm. 7:30-9pm AA- MH	24
<b>Palm Sunday/Holy Week begins</b> <b>T. of Hope Food collection, sorting &amp; distribution- Mitchell Hall, Bride's Room</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- R16 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 3-4:30pm 4:12 Group- YL, YC, 2A 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	29 1-4pm Home School Class- MH, Kit. 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	30 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class- Sewing Rm. 7:30-9pm AA- MH	31

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff</b> - SP <b>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH</b> <b>6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel</b> <b>7:15-8pm Class- NP</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco	4 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP <b>6-8pm PNC- NP</b>	5 <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	6 <b>Set up Communion</b>  9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH <b>5-8pm Giggles &amp; Grub- MH (K), Sanctuary</b> 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest <b>10:30am-12pm PROGRAM Staff- SP</b> <b>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH</b> <b>6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel</b> <b>7:15-8pm Class- NP</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco	18 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP <b>6-8pm PNC- NP</b>	19  7pm Praise Rehearsal- Sanct.	20  9am PW Board- NP <b>10am-Set up for Peru lunch- MH, K</b> <b>1-5pm Rehearsal for Concert-Sanctuary</b> <b>4:30-5:30pm Saturday Night Alive-YL</b> 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares  <i>Presbytery Meeting at 9am at FPC South Lyon</i>
11am-1pm Keenagers- MH (K) 10am-4pm Treasure Chest <b>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH</b> <b>6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel</b> <b>7:15-8pm Class- NP</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco	25 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP <b>5:30-9pm Boy Scout Council- MH, Kit., NP, SP, Lib, YC, YL, R16, R14, R12, R2a&amp;b</b> <b>6-8pm PNC- Front Office</b> 7-9pm Knitting Grp.- <b>Sewing Room</b>	26	27  6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares

## **The Digital Invasion (part 2)**

Have any of you been surprised by the rapidly changing scope of our digital world? Apparently the “explosive growth and powerful influence of our modern cyber-world” are even taking cyber-scientists by surprise! Changes are happening at break-neck speed, and as each of us is diligently working to manage all that is taking place in our lives, many are not aware of how controlling, intrusive and addictive some of our digital technology is becoming.

Most of us can list many of the good consequences of our digital world. However, there is a “dark side” that needs to be explored. Studies are showing that the increasing “overuse” of these devices are already harming parts of our physical, emotional, relational and spiritual health. Life in the past, at least for kids, used to be unplugged and carefree. Now we have an assortment of devices that demand our attention. Life indoors used to get boring enough so that kids went outside to play ball, ride bikes and explore their world. Now, all of the fun is indoors, and so they just sit around and enjoy it. Television used to be somewhat intrusive in the past, but it never dominated our lives like this technology does. It was heavy and fixed to the floor. But today, our media can go with us everywhere we go, and so people “stay connected” at all times: to news, work, friends, play games, watch movies, etc. There is no “down time” to simply be quiet and have your own thoughts anymore. And our digital world can even sleep with us, if we allow it too, in the form of cell phones on our bedside tables. Researchers are finding that many of our young people do a lot of texting with their friends in the middle of the night and are not getting adequate amounts of sleep.

The concern is that this digital world is increasingly invading our lives. And because of the rapid changes in technology, scientists are concerned that it is “outstripping the human brain’s ability to adapt”. Dr. Gary Small, a respected researcher and director of the Memory and Aging Research Center at UCLA, states that: “the current explosion of digital technology not only is changing the way we live and communicate, but is rapidly and profoundly altering our brains. Daily exposure to high technology-computers, smart phones, video games, search engines like Google and Yahoo-stimulates brain cell alteration...Our brains are evolving right now at a speed like never before”. And these changes are bound to have consequences later in life. For this reason, Dr. Archibald Hart and Dr. Sylvia Hart Frejd have written the book The Digital Invasion, in hopes of presenting a balanced perspective on where we are headed, so we can make some conscious choices about our future. And in doing so, they hope to offer some clear guidance to parents, educators, pastors, and others in order to help us be positive and healthy agents of change in our modern digital world.

Next month, I will share a Scriptural perspective of how we should view this technology and share strategies to make sure we are enjoying this wonderful gift of technology in moderation.

~Blessings, Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

\*information taken from The Digital Invasion by Dr. Archibald Hart and Dr. Sylvia Hart Frejd.



## Cast all your anxiety upon Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Among the great benefits of living by faith is God's help when facing life's trials. The Psalmist writes: "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you" (Ps. 55:22), and "Though he fall he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord is the stay of his hand" (Ps. 37:24). God's sovereignty is over everything, so we know that in everything, God works for good with those who love Him (Rom. 8:28).

What are our cares? What do we worry about? Our health, wealth, relationships, safety, fear, love, etc., the list can be endless. It can be spiritual or temporal, major or trivial. Whenever we are tempted to worry, God wants us to trust in Him instead of worrying. Paul taught that we are not to be anxious about anything, but bring it all to God (Phil. 4:6, 7). "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matt. 7:7, 8). Do not worry (Matt. 6:25-34). We can rest in Him (Matt. 11:28 - 30).

This is part of our relationship with God and how His power can be displayed in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). It is a taste of living with Him in Heaven (Rev. 21:3, 4) that blesses us here and now.

What shall we do? "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight (Prov. 3:5, 6).

~John Holden

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### ***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

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**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 [vickidfpcc30@gmail.com](mailto:vickidfpcc30@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.

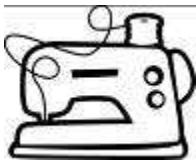
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**If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,  
YOU ARE A ~ Keenager**

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**



We had several ages in attendance and had a great time. I am so proud of the way all the "students" sewed their circles, triangles, squares, etc. If you were unable to attend, we still have one machine open and room for a personal machine. Hope to see you all there next week.

~Olimpia Todor

***Book of the Every Other Month Club***

Next meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup>

Our book to be discussed: "Unapologetic" by Francis Spufford

*Francis Spufford's Unapologetic* is a wonderfully pugnacious defense of Christianity. Refuting critics such as Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, and the "new atheist" crowd, Spufford, a former atheist and Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, argues that Christianity is recognizable, drawing on the deep and deeply ordinary vocabulary of human feeling, satisfying those who believe in it by offering a ruthlessly realistic account of the grown-up dignity of Christian experience.

Fans of C. S. Lewis, N. T. Wright, Marilynne Robinson, Mary Karr, Diana Butler Bass, Rob Bell, and James Martin will appreciate Spufford's crisp, lively, and abashedly defiant thesis.

*Unapologetic* is a book for believers who are fed up with being patronized, for non-believers curious about how faith can possibly work in the twenty-first century, and for anyone who feels there is something indefinably wrong, literalistic, anti-imaginative and intolerant about the way the atheist case is now being made. *Source: <http://amazon.com/Unapologetic>.*

~Come join us as we discuss "Unapologetic."

***Easter Offerings***

*The Easter season presents a wonderful opportunity for First Presbyterian to thank those individuals and families that support the church throughout the year with their time, talent and financial contributions. And, with services well attended during this season, it is also a good opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning congregation members.*

*We hope that you will also be generous with your time and financial support. To assist everyone in making the consistent offerings that are so important to First Presbyterian, we are pleased to offer the option of giving online. Please contact Nancy Setterlun in the church office to set up online giving.*

*Lord,*



*Make me an instrument of Your Peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow Love;  
Where there is injury— Pardon;  
Where there is doubt— Faith;  
Where there is despair— Hope;  
Where there is darkness— Light;  
Where there is sadness— Joy.*

*St Francis of Assisi - 13th century*



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*Our organist, Dr. Tim Huth, in recital on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Ann Arbor.*

### Dick & Bette Smith's 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



*Please join us Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> after worship, for a reception in Mitchell Hall as we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Dick and Bette Smith.*

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### All Day Scrapping, Stamping and Crafting Spring Fundraising Event (Proceeds benefit the ChristNet program)



**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am-9pm**  
**Cost: \$40 for an 8 ft. table and 3 meals**

**Registration is \$40 (nonrefundable) & includes an 8ft. table, breakfast, lunch and dinner.** There are only 32 tables available, so be sure to get your registration in early!

**To register, contact Jeni Cole by email at [jcole1971@gmail.com](mailto:jcole1971@gmail.com) or call (248)470-7875.**



## **Touch of Hope Easter Offering**

The Easter Offering for our Touch of Hope families will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Margie Johnston-Maurer  
Touch of Hope Coordinator

## **With Sympathy**

*We offer our sincere condolences to:*

- ~ *The family and friends of Dr. Thomas David McLennan who passed away January 13<sup>th</sup>.*
- ~ *The family and friends of Mary Martini who passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

## **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, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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

## March Birthdays



- 03/01: Keith Ingram
- 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: Thomas Watts
- 03/15: Carl Bryer, Mary Jo Miller
- 03/16: Jane Mykytenko, Jon Szczechura
- 03/18: Marion Holowaty
- 03/21: Bonnie Kutt
- 03/22: Bill Schanz
- 03/25: Georgine Jensen, Drake Wolter
- 03/26: Dorinda Hughes, Mikayla Capote
- 03/28: Patricia Ervin, Randy Bruder
- 03/29: Dave Young
- 03/30: Catherine Hults, Michael Maurer
- 03/31: Joel DeHamer

## Noteworthy

- ❖ Our organist, Dr. Tim Huth, presents a Lenten organ recital, Wed. March 4th 12:15pm, at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Michigan (743 West Michigan Ave.).
- ❖ Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th.
- ❖ Communion has been changed from Easter Sunday, April 5th to Sunday, April 12th.

## 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

- March 1 / - Communion, *From whence does your help come?* - Rev. Don Wright**
- March 8 / - guest speaker, Nancy Worcester**
- March 15 / - *What difference does Prayer make in my life?* - Rev. Don Wright**
- March 22 / - *See and Tell* - Rev. Don Wright**
- March 29 / - *Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday* - Rev. Don Wright**

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