



*Come home
to God's love*

Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
March 2016 Newsletter



*St. Patrick's Day
Thurs, March 17th*

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
presents
A Lenten Concert
featuring the Children's, Youth,
and Adult Choirs and a
performance of
Requiem
by
K. Lee Scott
Sunday, March 13, 2016
4:00pm
The First Presbyterian Church, Suggested Donations:
of Dearborn \$10 per person
600 North Brady \$20 per family

K. Lee Scott's 'Requiem'
Sunday, March 13th
4:00pm

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Introducing Reverend Chris Thomas



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Giggles & Goodies
Come join the fun!

Saturday, March 12th
6:00pm

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He is Risen!

Please join us for these special *Easter* events:

March 20	Palm Sunday	10am
March 24	Maundy Thursday	7pm
	Tenebrae Service with communion	
March 25	Good Friday	12-12:45pm
	Worship in the Sanctuary	
March 27	Easter Sunday	
	Brunch in Mitchell Hall	8:45am
	Worship in Sanctuary	10am





March at FPCD

It is with some sense of nostalgia that I send Jim Barber - our Vision Editor and publisher –this last missive from the Pastor's Desk. As I look back over my past 57 years of service to the PCUSA it is, of course, to FPCD that most memories recur. From the days of 2,500 members and worship services dubbed "Spartacus events," to our current 388 members - yet with similar feelings of awe in the beauty of holiness. The great span of the Sanctuary - singular stately Celtic Cross, (fashioned together with the entire facility by Alden Dow to express our Reformed Trinitarian Faith)- to the green carpeting carrying the worshipper to the green grass beyond- through the glass windows. Who is not moved when the magnificent organ initiates our worship experience?

Having worked with two editors of our church history - Ms. Kathleen Parr and Mrs. Bill (Dottie) Kennedy - utilizing the small horde of remembrances to remind us of the history of this great Church and her people - who cannot be humbled by the thousands of good folk who have called this church - "my spiritual home."

It has been my great privilege to have served this people on three occasions. Once, in her early years, and now twice in the last decade. God is great - God is good! Let us thank him! So it was that our new Pastor Chris Thomas opined on Sunday, as he was elected to serve as the Senior Pastor of FPCD. With an appropriate introduction by PNC chairperson Mike Barr, Pastor Chris brought his message and a glimpse of his vision in serving this family. I'm still musing over the "low expectations" re: marriage. For those who were not able to be with us on Sunday please take the time to check out the web site and his sermon.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the PNC - Mike Barr, Jane Dearth, Bert Ebi, Shereen Lind, Jan Lewy-Mykytenko, Bob Missler and Jan Smith. For over a year they poured over more than 200 personal information forms- conducted interviews with 21 candidates- with second interviews with several. Once each week they would meet - review - pray - seek - and finally have found the one they believe that God has brought to serve us. Thank You - and your families for their patience. On Sunday our Church family concurred in your decision.

Sunday, February 28th will be my last Sunday in the pulpit before Pastor Chris begins his service on March 6th. We still must take time to prepare for his arrival. As you all know the church is facing a financial challenge that must be addressed. For a decade or more we have been supported by funds from our endowment fund - and, our undesignated holding account. As each year passed the challenge has become greater. Thanks to the generous response to the special fund campaign in 2014 we were able to meet needs, but not without a deficit. In order to provide our new pastor with a balanced budget in 2017 we will need to make some changes. For this past decade the Session has studied and made recommendations - for the last year this has been in earnest. It is part of my duty as your temporary pastor - and, pastor emeritus – on behalf of the Session - to bring those final recommendations to the congregation. A "state of the church" report will be delivered following worship on February 28th. I urge you to attend and be made aware of the issues and the way in which your Session has decided to respond.

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Thank you so much for the prayers and support that you have given to me and the leadership of the church over this past year and some months - not to forget the 50 years! Payton Manning and others who have finished a task, usually report that they are on their way to Disney World.- while appealing - not so. I will be going to First Church Plymouth for worship and to pay our thanks to the good folks there that have provided us with Pastor Chris and his family; though, Presbytery has called.

See you in Church.

Pastor Don

Children's Ministry



VBS is coming! Mark it on your calendar! Plan to join us from July 11 to 15 for music, games, crafts, Bible stories and more. If you would like to be a part of the team for this exciting ministry, please talk to Beckie Dicks.

Sunday School meets at 9:00 every Sunday. If your family hasn't come to Sunday School yet, give it a try!. Kids' Sunday School is similar to what your children have already experienced in Children's Church, but with smaller groups and a longer class time. That means more time for fun and learning! While your kids are in Sunday school, you can take advantage of our church's adult education offerings.

Our Wednesday night FISH kids' class continues! This year, we're concluding our Narnia Series with the final book in the series, *The Last Battle*. All ages are welcome - come for a great story, discussion, crafts and more. Each week during Lent, we will attend the short Lenten service in the chapel from 6:45 until 7:15. Then we will begin our usual Narnia class, with reading and activities from 7:15 to 8:00. *See you in church!*

~ Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Coordinator

Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group

The Sunday night Bible study group is discussing the book of Daniel (*a book of personal biography and apocalyptic visions concerning events in both secular and sacred history*). Please call Bert Ebi (562-5156) or the Leslie's (336-8238) if you plan to participate.



Giggles & Goodies!

Come to our 6th Annual Giggles & Goodies on Saturday 6:00 pm March 12th. Nancy Worcester and her wonderful family of puppets are returning for another evening of fun and fellowship.

Join them as they embark on a great JOURNEY! The event is free and includes goodies (Milk & Cookies) after the show! 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.



Rev. Chris Thomas and his family



wife, Stacy and Anastasia



Azariah



Amaris



Aletheia

Introducing Reverend Chris Thomas

We welcome our new Senior Pastor, the Reverend Chris Thomas. Chris comes to us from the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, MI where he ministered to a large number of young families at the Church. In addition, Chris served as the Chair of the New Church Development team with the Presbytery of Detroit.

Chris is joined by his wife Stacy, and their children; Amaris (9), Aletheia (7), Azariah (5) and Anastasia (3).

We welcome them in our faith journey!

RISEN



Come experience the film clips & messages about this movie in the North Parlor Sundays from 9:00-9:50 AM through Palm Sunday

- taught by Pastor Mike

Office Volunteer *(An opportunity to serve)*

We are in need of volunteers to work in the church office a few hours each week to help with the following:

- ~Answer the phone.
- ~Proof-read bulletins, etc.
- ~Help prepare report packages for meetings.



Available time slots are Monday & Friday mornings (9am to Noon), and select days of the month [e.g. third Tuesday (9am to Noon) and others as requested].

If interested, please call Jim Barber in the church office at (313) 274-1313.

"We Glorify Christ... and serve His world."

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study will be starting the 2015-2016 HORIZONS Bible study, Come to the Waters. Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Charlie Aronson and Jane Lewy-Mykytenko will lead our discussions. "The rich imagery of water throughout the Bible helps us understand and articulate our faith. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls."



Music Corner

Welcome to March! What an amazing month we have ahead of us. We start by welcoming our new pastor, Chris Thomas, and his family on March 6. That same day we have a retirement reception for Nancy Setterlun!

The following week we have Nancy Worcester and her puppets on Saturday and Sunday morning and our annual Lenten Concert on Sunday afternoon. This year's concert will feature several pieces by our Children's and Youth choirs, followed by a performance of K. Lee Scott's Requiem. Unlike other Requiems you may have heard, this one is a little different. Instead of the "traditional" Catholic mass texts in Latin or English, Mr. Scott has selected texts from scripture and from the great English poet John Donne.

The following week is Palm Sunday with our procession of the palms and special music by our children and youth. Palm Sunday leads us into our Holy Week observances with a Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday and our noontime prayer service on Good Friday.

Then on March 27 is our Resurrection Sunday Celebration! From our Breakfast/Brunch at 9:00 to our pre-service music beginning at 9:40 we hope to have a wonderful celebration of our Risen Lord! We will have a brass quintet w/ timpani and organ to accompany the hymns and the choir. We will also have a special performance by our "purple skirt" liturgical dancers! We hope to see you all at these wonderful Lenten and Easter opportunities for worship!

In Christ, ~Marshall

P.S Here's a rundown for your calendars:

March 6	Welcome Pastor Chris and Family Retirement reception for Nancy Setterlun after the service
March 12	Giggles and Goodies with Nancy Worcester and her puppets
March 13	Lenten Concert featuring all of our choirs
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 24	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service – 7:00pm
March 25	Good Friday Prayer Service – 12:00pm
March 27	Easter Service

Touch of Hope Easter Offering

The Easter Offering for our Touch of Hope families will take place on March 13. Our present families are in great need. 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 14 families. Bringing 7 or 14 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 16th 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 13 to help sort and pack.



Sponsors and families will pick up items for delivery after the service on March 13. 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, CRE

Young Adult & Adult CE Director and Youth Groups Leader

Recently I took my two Youth Groups ice skating at Dearborn's DISC indoor rink for an every-other-month "Funday Sunday". We had a great turn out and even had a dad, Phil Evenhouse come along. He was a great help, as an accomplished skater, to be able to give the teens (as well as 5, young adult internationals from Converge) many tips about skating. This was a blessing as some of the teens and all of the young adults from India had never been on ice skates or on a huge arena of ice. As I was skating and assisting those that lacked confidence and experience, I sensed the relationship skating had to the first beatitude that Jesus shared in his sermon on the mount (you see, that's part of my current calling as a pastor J).

"Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

The visual metaphor that I had was how that joy and hope are ice-skating with God at our side.



In other words, the first beatitude can be unpacked by stating that: "followers of Jesus Christ will experience joy and hope when they realize that God can overcome any obstacle in their or another's life. Now, it may be in a different way from what you had imagined or in a time-frame other than what that you desired. God may also direct you to actively participate in a particular way that the Holy Spirit leads. By knowing this and being obedient to God's directions, you will begin to transform into the person that God has destined you to become." How exciting it is to finally discover how your life lines up with a need in the world, what your purpose is, and how God is next to you to keep you from slipping and failing to learn a new skill.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope." – Jeremiah 29:11

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." – Jeremiah 1:5

Be a blessing to someone by sharing your story and experience of how God has intervened in your journey as He has taught you a new life skill. God's Peace & Easter Blessings.

~Pastor Mike

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
		9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7-8pm Deacons- NP 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	1 10am Stephens-Curri 10am-4pm Treasure 10:30am Staff meetin 6-6:45pm FISH (dinr 6:45-7:15pm Worshi 6:45-8:30pm GriefSt 7:15-8pm Adult and 7:15-9pm Adult Cho
4th Sunday in Lent Communion 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary After worship: - Reception for Nancy Setterlun-MH 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- 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	6 10am Card Ministry- R14 4:30-9:30pm Boy Scout Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting- MH, K, YL DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	7 ELECTION DAY 7am-8pm Voting Polls- MH 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 10am-2pm Mission Sewing- NP, K 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 5:30pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7:30-9pm AA- YC	8 10am-4pm Treasure 6-6:45pm FISH (dinr 6:45-7:15pm Worshi 7:15-8pm Adult and 6:45-8:30pm GriefSt 7:15-9pm Adult Cho
5th Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time begins 9am Education Hour 9am-1pm T. of Hope food collection, sorting and distribution- MH 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A No Children's, Youth, or Handbell Choir 4pm Requiem Concert- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	13 11am-2pm Garden Club- MH 6:30pm NAMI- NP <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> DEADLINE FOR EASTER LILY ORDERS  </div> DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	14 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP 7pm SESSION -NP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	15 10am Stephens-Curri 10am-4pm Treasure 10:30am Staff meetin 6-6:45pm FISH (dinr 6:45-7:15pm Worshi 6:45-8:30pm GriefSt 7:15-8pm Adult and 7:15-9pm Adult Cho
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Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter 8:45-9:20am Easter Brunch- MH (K) (No Education Hour) 9:40am Prelude in Sanctuary 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary NO OTHER ACTIVITIES 	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER No Home School Class No NAMI DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	28 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7:30-9pm AA- MH	29 10am-4pm Treasure No FISH No Adult Choir No GriefShare

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 s-Currie- NP asure Chest meeting- SP + (dinner) MH <u>Worship- Chapel</u> BriefShare- SP lit and Kids' Classes lit Choir- Sanct., Turco	3 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP	4 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	5 Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH 10am-1pm Setup for Peru Lunch- K 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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23 enagers- MH (K) asure Chest BriefShare- SP Choir- Sanct., Turco	24 Maundy Thursday No PW Bible Study No Knitting Grp. 7pm Tenebrae Service with Communion in the Sanctuary	25 Good Friday 12-12:45 Worship- Sanctuary CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON	26 Great Easter Vigil (End of Lent) 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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Parish Nurse

Preventive Health Screenings coming to First Presbyterian Church March 21st

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on Monday, March 21, 2016. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Other preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings.

Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70. **By signing up for this health event, not only will you be able to take your health into your own hands, but you will also receive \$10 off any package of \$139 or more.**

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. **Pre-registration is required.**

(Information provided by Life Line Screenings)

~ **Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse**



All Day Scrapping, Stamping and Crafting Spring Fundraising Event

(Proceeds benefit the ChristNet program)

**Saturday March 19th 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 or call (248)470-7875.

With Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy to Bette Mys whose sister, Beverly, passed away in January, and Don Mys whose brother, Robert, passed away in December.

Please keep Bette and Don in your prayers.



Mission Sewing

Our yearly Mission Sewing Day is coming up in March. We will work on several projects which will then be donated to the various charities which are being sponsored by Presbyterian Women. The sewing is easy and it's always great fun getting together in a great activity. - Not to mention the terrific lunch our own Mary Ann Bassett always cooks up! Hope to see you in the sewing room. Please mark your calendar and come. We need your help. ~ Olimpia Todor



Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God. (Matt 5:9)

What is peace? The Hebrew word “shalom” means not just the absence of conflict; it includes everything that makes for man’s highest good. This allows enjoying a fulfilled life. It includes the “peace which passes all understanding” (Phil. 4:7), which can guard you. True peace is a great blessing!

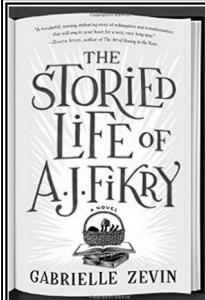
Making peace is Godly work. “Children of God” refers to people doing Godly work. Those who actively work to build peaceful human relationships reflect God’s character. Peace is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22) that encourages love for all (Col. 3:12-17). Peace makers often possess the characteristics of the first six Beatitudes (spiritual poverty, mourning, meekness, righteousness, mercy, and purity (Matt. 5:3 – 8).

Peace-making is costly and difficult because of sin. The Christian life often conflicts with culture (Matt. 10:34; 2 Tim. 3:12). Biblical peace comes from dealing with issues in a Godly manner, not evading them. Forgiveness is an important part of peace-making (Matt. 6:12; 18:21-22; Rom. 12:17-21).

Making peace precedes worship (Matt. 5:23, 24). Perfect peace comes from focusing our minds on God (Is. 26:3; Rom. 8:6). God brings peace through the Gospel (1 John 1:9); following Jesus helps us find peace (John 16:33).

We have peace with God when we are justified by faith in Christ (Rom. 5:1). We are called to the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor.5:17-21). There is no peace for the wicked (Is.48:22).

Shalom, ~John Holden



Book of the Every Other Month Club

Next Meeting: Sat, March 12th

Our book to be discussed: "*The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*" by Gabrielle Zevin
"Zevin perfectly captures the joy of connecting people and books... Filled with interesting characters, a deep knowledge of bookselling, wonderful critiques of classic titles, and very funny depictions of book clubs and author events, this will prove irresistible to book lovers everywhere." - *Booklist*

Come join our discussion of this New York Times Bestseller!

GriefShare

GriefShare classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm-8:30pm in the South Parlor. We invite you to join us for a catered meal (optional at \$8) at 6pm in Mitchell Hall.



Total cost to attend the classes is \$20, which includes DVD sessions, discussion, a workbook and refreshments. We hope you will come and allow us to help you navigate this difficult time in your life. Call the church to register at (313) 274-1313 ext. 16.

Lenten Mid-week Worship Services

Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Chapel

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



DEACON CARD MINISTRY INTERESTED?

We meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00am upstairs in Room 14.

All are welcome!

For further information, please contact Nancy Barber, (313) 565-2741



**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.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for David Setterlun



Congratulations to David Setterlun for earning his Eagle rank in Boy Scouts! David and his team refurbished the disc golf course at Seitz Middle School in Riverview by building new hole signs and tee boxes. David was recognized at his Eagle Court of Honor here at FPCD on Jan. 31st.

Eagle Scout is the **highest advancement** rank in Boy Scouting. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their **best** each day to make their training an example, their rank and their **influence** count strongly for better Scouting and for better **citizenship** in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people. To do this they pledge their **sacred honor**.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The OGHS offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.



The OGHS offering, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People.

You may make your OGHS offering by designating your regular giving envelope or by using one of the OGHS offering envelopes available on the tables in the narthex.

Thank-you for supporting the OGHS offering.

~ Outreach and Mission Committee

FPC Diaper Ministry ~ 'Diaper Drive' Dinner



A dinner to support the FPC Diaper Ministry will be held at the home of Dave and Sue Young on Saturday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, but there is a limit of 30 people so please reserve your spot quickly. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Charlene Reid (313) 791-2621 or Tracie Szczechura (313) 562-4418.

Pedals Pipes and Pizza

Greetings good people of FPD

Psalm 136 sings "...play for his name for he inspires love"; Music brings about love, peace, communion and reminds us who we are as people of God.

I'm glad to say that all is well with the pipe organ. As Dean of the Ann Arbor chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) I would like to invite you to some special events for young people (and parents, friends, aunts, uncles, cousins...). The AGO Lenten recital series at First Congregational Church in Ann Arbor features a variety of organists, Fridays of Lent at 12:15 (see the poster on the church music bulletin board in the long hallway).

Note to young folks especially, Ann Arbor AGO is sponsoring a 'Pedals Pipes and Pizza, Saturday April 16 at First Presbyterian of Ypsilanti; this is for any and all kids grade and high school. The youth will be able to explore the organ, learn about the organ, and play it, along with fun, games and pizza. No previous music experience required. The organ there is very fine, dating back to the 19th century with a complete renovation just recently.

Also I'd like to invite you to 'A Young Organist's Recital' on Sunday May 1, 4PM at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor. You will hear young organists of grade- and high school age in recital. I am also glad to say that for 2018 AGO is planning a Pipe Organ Encounter, wherein young people spend a week at kind of band camp for organ -- a week of lessons, studies and fun. For these events and more go to annarborago.org. Also Detroit AGO can be googled easily and has a full menu of offerings.

Recently I read that around 90% of young organists under 25 are employed. It is important for the church and all of us to foster and nurture the development of our youth, our future, as they cultivate their skills and musical expression, for they will someday be serving in the Church, in Concert and in academia -- but beyond that, the sharing of the beauty of music brings us closer to God and to each other.

Timothy Huth ~Organist, the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.



Tim Huth at radio station WRCJ 90.0FM Detroit with students of the Ann Arbor AGO 2014 'Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced' being interviewed live by Dave Wagner.

NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

We will try to accommodate members who need a ride to a medical appointment or Sunday Service. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, 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.

~Nancy Barber, Deacon Moderator.

Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



FPC Knitters



Calling all knitters and those who want to learn: Make time to join us Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 7 pm. Bring whatever project you are working on, or come and learn some basic stitches. Hope to see you! ~
Lynn Hoffman

"Thank You" to Treasure Chest & Men's Fellowship

Many thanks to Treasure Chest and Men's Fellowship for their generous support of replacement of the North Doors and the conversion to LED lighting throughout our church.

These projects would not be possible without their dedication and generous financial support.

Again, "Thank You!" one and all.

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 non-returnable 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. Nancy Barber - Deacon Moderator

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

March 6 / - Communion, Lost and Found - Rev. Chris Thomas

March 13 / - Press On - Rev. Chris Thomas

March 20 / - PALM SUNDAY, There was a man like that - Rev. Chris Thomas

March 27 / - EASTER SUNDAY, He is risen, indeed! - Rev. Chris Thomas

March Birthdays

- 03/01: Keith Ingram
- 03/02: Helen Kane
- 03/04: Dean Masouredis
- 03/05: 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
- 03/17: Ava Nilsson
- 03/18: Marion Holowaty
- 03/21: Bonnie Kutt
- 03/22: Bill Schanz
- 03/25: Georgine Jensen, Drake Wolter
- 03/26: Mikayla Capote
- 03/28: Patricia Ervin, Randy Bruder
- 03/29: Dave Young
- 03/30: Michael Maurer
- 03/31: Joel DeHamer

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