



# Our Vision

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**  
**April 2012 Newsletter**



**Christian Seder- April 5th 6pm** with meal, communion, and a brief Tenebrae.

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**Easter  
is  
April 8**



**We will have brass in worship  
and  
sing the Hallelujah Chorus.**



**Peru  
Spaghetti Luncheon  
Sunday May 6th  
11:00am  
Mitchell Hall**



**More  
Giggles & Grub  
Photos  
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**5th Annual Puppet Party**  
*"Create your own puppet!"*  
**Saturday April 21st 1-3pm**  
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**"The Three Trees"**  
 (with artist)  
 Children's Story  
 Sundays  
 Continues through  
 Easter, April 8th



**Saturday  
May 12th  
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## Sunday Morning Adult Class

Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the last day for the class **“That One Moment”**. There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the adults will watch and discuss the video,

**Road to Emmaus.** Come and see what the encounter Jesus had with the men on the road to Emmaus might have been like. This is a wonderful video. Join us in the North Parlor at 9am.

Beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will continue our study of people who encountered Jesus. We will focus on **Peter and Paul** and how they did not miss their moment of decision. We will look at how they lived out their faith. This video series will take us through June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Then beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>, we will move into our summer study, using Ray Vanderlaan's series.

## FISH

There will be no **FISH** on Wednesdays, April 4 and 11. We will resume FISH on April 18 and continue through May 9.

Our Wednesday evening study on “**Work Matters**” will continue after Easter, followed by a short term video study by Louie Giglio.

## Step by Step in God's Word

Our April verses are:

April 1      John 15:1

April 8     Matthew 28:5-6

April 15    Philippians 4:4

April 22 Luke 6:37

April 29 Matthew 25:40

Our May verses are:

May 6      Philippians 4:8

May 13 John 12:4

May 20 Romans 3:23-24

May 27 Matthew 5:7



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

**VBS Decorations**~ I will begin making decorations for our July VBS program in April. Last year, a few of you helped with the decorations and it was a real blessing. If you are willing to help this year, please let me know. We can set up some specific times or you can simply stop in and work on them. Thank you.

**Mother's Day**~ Our children and youth will be doing the worship service on Mother's Day. If you want your child or youth to participate, he/she must be in Sunday School, Children's Church, or youth group over the next 6-7 weeks.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

## Children's Ministry



### Puppet Party! -Saturday, April 21st

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



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

**VBS** - July 16-20, 9:30 to noon, grades pre-K through 5. Older helpers welcome! Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel--torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

**Orff Camp** - Mark your calendars for our second annual Orr Music Camp. We had such a wonderful time last year, that we decided to do it again. Orff Camp will run from June 25-29 2012, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Elementary aged kids of all musical abilities are invited to come explore melody, rhythm and more on a variety of instruments.

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director

***The sun was warm  
but the wind was chill.***

***You know how it is  
with an April day.***

***~ Robert Frost***





## An evening of fun at 'Giggles & Grub'

Fun with Nancy  
and her puppets.



## **Notes from our Parish Nurse**

### **April is National Humor Month: Laughter is Good Medicine**

*By Laurie Pawlik-Kienlen for readersdigest.ca*

Making time to laugh and play can boost your health. Experts say that laughter increases endorphins, strengthens your immune system, and sends extra oxygen coursing through your veins. Find out why some researchers believe laughing is as good as a mild workout.

#### **Burns Calories**

Laughing for 10 to 15 minutes raises energy expenditure, increases heart rate, and can burn up to 40 calories. However, it's not a weight-loss method. Even so, a few calories every day translates to a few pounds a year—so keep those laughs coming!

#### **Causes “Runner’s High”**

Laughing increases positive endorphins, reduces stress and strengthens the immune system. Even just anticipating something funny increases anti-viral, anti-tumor defences. The benefits of humour can last up to 24 hours—this may be why we say “laughter is the best medicine.”

#### **Increases Job Satisfaction**

Humour improves communication, creativity and overall performance in the workplace, “The ability to appreciate humour, the ability to laugh and make other people laugh, actually has physiological effects on the body that cause people to become more bonded.”

#### **Increases Hope and Self-Worth**

Watching just 15 minutes of a comedy show can alleviate worries about health or career. Texas A&M psychiatrist David H. Rosen found that a chuckle can replace negative thoughts with positive ones and help formulate a “plan of attack” for problems. This in turn increases feelings of self-worth, which makes overcoming obstacles even easier.

#### **Protects Against Heart Disease**

“Research suggests that a good sense of humour wards off heart attacks. “Laughter dilates blood vessels so blood flows more freely. Humour was a significant positive addition to standard cardiac rehabilitation. Laughing reduces the fat and cholesterol build-up in the coronary arteries. The old saying that ‘laughter is the best medicine’ definitely appears to be true when it comes to protecting your heart.”

#### **Eliminates “Us Versus Them” Thinking**

Comedy makes us more inclusive of others and helps us see the big picture. Happiness and humour reduces narrow-minded perspectives. Laughing can slash bias and bring people together, which strengthens our work, home, and school relationships.

#### **Helps Kids Tolerate Pain**

Cartoons can help children cope with painful procedures, such as needles or visits to the dentist.

#### **Improves Classroom Interactions**

Research shows that humour facilitates student discussions and increases course enjoyment. ‘Top Ten’ lists, jokes, and cartoons—all related to the course material—increased academic performance and students’ level of participation.

#### **Strengthens the Immune System**

Stress hormones are reduced during laughter, allowing the immune cells to function better. Laughing also promotes an oxygen/carbon dioxide exchange and clears airways. Muscles and joints are flexed and stretched, promoting muscle tone.”

**\*\* For the article in it’s entirety, go to <http://www.readersdigest.ca/health/healthy-living/laughter-is-good-medicine>**

~Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

Communion for April will be held on Maundy Thursday , April 5th, during the 6:00pm Family Seder Supper. Please sign up in the Narthex. Everyone is invited!



## Think Spring... Cleanup

FPCD's annual Spring Clean-up will be held Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 to 11:30. Lunch will be served at 11:30 in Mitchell Hall. Bring your work gloves and favorite rake. There's plenty to be done around our church... leaves, downed limbs and sticks, pruning trees, ruts and holes to be filled, weeds, lunch clean-up and lots more. Remember, many hands make for light work.

~See you there, **Men's Fellowship**

## CREW and 4:12 News

(High School and Middle School)

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection this Easter, CREW and 4:12 are focusing on three main lessons:

**Food** - Jesus said that whoever ate His bread and drank His water would be forever satisfied. We had fun with food in all kinds of ways in March, and were also able to provide those less fortunate with meals. The shelf-stable goods we collected from the 2012 Food Races were donated to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, and we also did work with the Detroit Rescue Mission. We plan on Feeding the Hungry downtown in April.

**Worship** - We are incorporating more worship experiences with the youth group so that we can seek God together. We are using music, prayer and artwork as ways to talk, listen to, or just be with God. We are also encouraging the students to develop daily habits in reading the Bible, asking God questions, and living out their faith. Acquire the Fire on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28th will allow them to worship with thousands of other students in Lansing! It's exciting to see more students feel God work in their lives.

**Unity** - 4:12 and CREW continue to grow closer together. On March 31<sup>st</sup> we were able to worship with four other youth groups from the Dearborn area at IGNITE, planned by the participating youth pastors. Students from all over the Dearborn community gave their testimonies of how God is working in their lives. We plan on continuing to nurture those relationships so that students will experience Christian fellowship in and outside of church. We are, after all, Christ's Body with one LORD, one Spirit, and one baptism. Life goes much better when we support one another as the family that we are!

May God dwell in you and flow through you this month by the power of His Spirit.

Please pray for us and the students.

-In Christ, Jonathan and Mike



## Musings from Pastor Mike - April 2012

**Pastoral Duties:** It has been so exciting to be able to preach almost once a month! I was challenged by a few of the young adults (and Pastor Dave) to step away from a manuscript and have minimal notes. I have to admit that it takes much longer for me, a guy with limited memory in front of a crowd, to learn my sermon. I usually work on my delivery, Monday through Saturday, early in the mornings, in the empty Sanctuary. If you happen to hear me, know that I am not talking aloud to myself! Likewise, I have enjoyed doing pastoral discussions and interventions with members of our church family. Feel free to call my cell after 4 AM (313-213-8319) and up to dinner time (6 PM). At 6 PM my cell goes off so that I can spend time with my family or recreating, but you can still call our landline (313-562-5961) and leave a message.

**Young Adults:** Acting on solicited suggestions from our Converge young adult participants, we continue to morph our program. We now are starting with dinner from 6-7 PM, having an extended worship from 7-7:45, and discussion groups/activities from 7:45-9 PM, with an hour following, 9-10 PM for games, musical jamming, and conversations. This past month we had a chili cook-off with Mike Pierfederici as the #1 winner and also had a worship service with 5 prayer stations utilizing different senses. We are firming up an updated vision statement as well as a long-term mission statement for Converge. Thursday evening young ladies Bible Study and Friday mornings young men's Bible studies have been going well each week. **Jonathan is still looking for a child care giver** for Converge from 6-10 PM on Saturdays for usually just a couple of kids. Call him at **313-806-2792** if this may be your calling. You can do it once a month, every week, paid or as an unpaid ministry, but we do need your help!

**GrouPeru! '12:** This month we have the satisfying Soup and Salad Palm Sunday luncheon right after worship (11 AM-1 PM) as well as offering up flower flat and hanging basket orders. These beautiful flowers come from the Schwartz Family Green houses in Romulus and will be delivered to FPC and loaded in your car near Mother's Day. Buy a few extra for gifts! Thanks church family for being so supportive in bringing down our personal costs of being missionaries this June-July.

**Bible on the Boulevard, Baby!:** This Sunday school class for Senior Highs has been a hoot! Sue Y. is such a blast to work with and our teens are so willing to get up early, be picked up in Big Blue, and taken to a local eatery for a Bible lesson that usually has a lot of laughs. Want to join? Give me a call and Sue and I will pick you up next week.

**CREW Youth Group:** (See the "Student Ministries" page for what activities Jonathan and I are doing with the older teens).

~God's Peace, Mike Hoffman, CLP

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### Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**PW Bible Study** - We will be observing a 2-week Easter break. Class will not meet April 5 or April 12. Class will resume on Thursday, April 19 in the North Parlor (10:00-11:30am). ~Lorraine Lamkin

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>PALM SUNDAY/(HolyWeekbegins) 1</b> 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am Worship Svc- Sanctuary</b> <b>11:00am Peru Soup&amp;Salad</b> <b>Lunch&amp;FlowerFlatorders-MH,K</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6pm Children'sHandchimes 7:00pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	<b>2</b> 11:30am-2pm GardenClub-MH 7:00pm-9pm GreetingCard- R12 7:30pm-9pm BoyScoutTroop-YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	<b>3</b> <b>CE Subcommittees Meet</b> 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	<b>4</b> 10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> <b>NO FISH</b> 7:00pm-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7:15pm-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>EASTER/ 8</b> <b>RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> <b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b> <b>8:45-9:45amEasterBrunch-MH(K)</b> <b>No Education Hour</b> 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am WorshipSvc-Sanctuary</b> <b>No Youth Choir</b> <b>No Children's Choir</b> <b>No CREW Youth</b> <b>No Children's Handchimes</b> <b>No Sunday Eve. Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b> <b>CHURCH CLOSED FOR EASTER</b>  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30am-11:30am Prayers & Squares 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH  <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45pm-8:00pm Classes- MH, NP 7:00pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
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<b>29</b> <b>Ordination &amp; Installation of New Officers</b> 9:00am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10:00am Worship Svc-Sanctuary</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6pm Children'sHandchimes 7:00pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	<b>30</b> 6:30pm-9pm Grief Support- MH, SP, Lib. 7:30pm-9pm Boy Scout Troop-YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>		

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 5 No PW Bible Study No B. B. Seniors No Personnel meeting 6:00pm Family Seder Supper with Communion followed by a brief Tenebrae- MH (K), Sanctuary No Praise Band- Sanctuary	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 6 12:00pm-12:45pm Worship- Sanctuary	7 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- NP, K 3-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH
1	12 No PW Bible Study 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11:00am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	13 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night- MH	14 9:00am-10:30am DNA 120 R16 3-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
8	19 10am-11:30am PW Bible Study-NP 11am-3:30pm B.B.Seniors-MH,Kit. 1pm-3:00pm LydiaMarthaMary-NP 3:30pm-9:00pm BoyScout Council 3-Rivers Dinner- MH, Kit. 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	20	21 9:00am PW Board- NP 1-3pm Puppet Party- MH, Kit. 4-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH
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## Christian Family Seder with Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012

Mitchell Hall - 6pm

On Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Christian Family Seder Celebration followed by a brief tenebrae. Please join us at 6pm in Mitchell Hall. The Seder will give you an understanding about the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. The Seder will include dinner and communion. We will then proceed to the sanctuary for a short tenebrae service to capture a glimpse of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane in preparation for Good Friday.

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex and Mitchell Hall. Please sign up for the Seder so we know how much food to prepare. You can also volunteer to help with the preparation or cleanup. If you have any questions, please see Ann.

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

The read for Saturday, May 12th, has been changed to "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks. Join us!



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**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.**

**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.

### Website Image Release

As we continue working on a new website, we are beginning to collect images of members participating in the congregational life at First Presbyterian. Inclusion of videos and photographs of our members participating in events and worship at church will convey a friendly and family atmosphere to prospective members.

In an effort to protect the privacy our members we are giving you the opportunity to “opt-out” of any image, video or text mention. **If you do not want your image to be posted online or your name included in print media, please return the following form to the church office.**

*If you do not return the following form, you are giving consent that the employees or agents of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn have the right to take photographs, videotape or digital recordings for the purpose of posting on the website of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and any other online or print media. You also further consent that your name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.*

If you have any questions about the release or upcoming website, please contact a member of the Website Team. Thank you.

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### Photo/Video/Name Opt-Out Form

*I/we do not consent to my/our image to be used in online or print media to represent the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I represent that I am the parent or guardian of the below-named minors. I hereby consent to the “opt-out” on his/her behalf.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Touch of Hope 'Thank You'

*Dear Margie,*

*As you know, for the past number of years we have had the pleasure of sponsoring a family through Touch of Hope. They have now reached the point where they can do without help from this important program. Their daughter just graduated from college and is now looking forward to helping her family. The husband and wife, in such a beautiful way, told me how much it has meant to them to have had our assistance. They are so very grateful to everyone from the church who has helped and it is their hope to someday do the same for someone else. I honestly cannot find the words to tell you how sincerely grateful they are.*

*I told them having the opportunity to spend time with such a loving family has meant the world to us. Please pass along to the Touch of Hope committee just how much the family thanks them.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joan & Paul Cahow*



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## Music Corner

HAPPY EASTER! It's hard to believe we're already into April! I hope that we will see all of you at our Holy Week services. On Palm Sunday the Children, Youth, and Adults will be singing the anthem. On Maundy Thursday, we will have a Seder followed by a brief Tenebrae. On Good Friday, we will have our noontime service and on Easter Sunday we will have music with brass players from Dearborn High School.

A special thank you to all who came out and attended the Rutter Requiem Concert last month.

The choir had a great time preparing and singing that music. Thank you also to the children's choir who sang that beautiful Mozart Kyrie to start the concert.

Have a blessed Eastertide, soon it will be Pentecost!

See you in church,

~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music



Does the Joy of Easter Seem Far Away? For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through the difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy of Easter 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!

## Meet our New Members!

*We congratulate our new members who joined our family of faith  
on Sunday, March 18th.*

*Please join us in welcoming them into our fellowship.*



**Betsy & Bill McNab**



**Jonathan Mallard**



**Lewis & Katie Britz**



**Lynn Campbell**



**Sheila & Marsha Mistecki**



**Mailan Reid**



**Margaret & Julius Aiello**



**Steven Britz**

## Farewell to Paul & Joan Cahow as they move to Colorado.

*Dear Paul and Joan,*

*Thank you for your support and many years  
of dedicated service to our church family for  
over 50 years. May God bless you in your  
new adventures out west.*

*You will be missed!*



## Thank You

*A sincere thank you to all who helped with the **Giggles & Grub** event. We were thrilled with the turn-out and very grateful for the many hands that chipped in to set up chairs & tables, prepare & serve the food, and help those not familiar with our church as they came to enjoy Nancy Worchester's humor, thoughtful message, and masterful puppetry.*

*Thanks again for a job well done!!*



### **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17**

Because of God's great gift in Christ, anyone in Christ is a new creation (*Eph. 2:10*), not just patched up. What newness occurs when we move from "in Adam" to "in Christ"? How does that change us?

We move from: guilt to forgiveness (and the desire to forgive others); from bondage in sin to freedom from sin; from a child of Satan to a child of God; from pride to humility; from selfishness to love & generosity; from a denial of God to a denial of self (*Luke 9:23*); from worry and despair to peace and joy; from ignorance and fear to truth (*John 8:32*). Our personality expresses spiritual fruit (*Gal 5:22,23*).

We acquire an attitude of goodwill toward all, seeing all believers as family (*John 13:34, 35; Gal 3:28; Col 3:11*), and all unbelievers as lost sheep in need of Jesus and our love and care.

We want to hear God speak to us through His Word as our primary authority and guide (*Ps 119:105*), and we delight in prayer. We rejoice when God calls us and when He works through us in our spiritual gifts (*John 15:5*), replacing our dead works. We want more to serve than to be served (*Mark 10:45*).

All of this puts us out of step with the fallen culture. We are renewed (*Rom 12:2; Eph. 5:8*). We prefer righteousness to the endless pursuit of wealth, fame, power, and leisure. We no longer fear death as we live by faith and hope in God through Christ. As such, we shine as lights in the darkness (*Phil 2:15*) with deeds that reflect God (*Matt 5:16*); our life becomes full (*John 10:10*).

Is this you? Jesus said we must be reborn spiritually from above (*John 3:3-8*); "you must be born again." Yield to God and let Him transform you. It is the Father's will that everyone who ... believes in the Son shall have eternal life (*John 6:40*).

Therefore we can know with confidence who we are, why we are here, what we are to do, and where we are going – living by faith with hope and joy in God's magnificent Gospel.

~ John Holden

### **'One Great Hour of Sharing' Offering**

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

## **Thank You**

To Men's Fellowship for their diligence in caring for our building and property.

To all the volunteers who made the Leadership Training Seminar on Feb. 18th such a success.

To the women of Mission Sewing and Prayers & Squares for their ministry to those in need.

To Marshall Dicks, the choir, & the musicians who gave us a wonderful performance of John Rutter's 'Requiem'.

## **April Birthdays**

04/03: Roger Hayman, Mark Guinn  
04/05: Sydney Hemp  
04/06: Kay Erickson, Kerry Higgins  
04/07: David Pempeit, Aiden Rehbein  
04/08: Johnston Cummings, Dale Romeo  
04/09: Jacob Samuel  
04/10: Adrienne Young  
04/12: Ivie Morris, Clare Maloney  
04/13: Peter Masouredis  
04/15: Heather Cummings  
04/16: Jonathan Sogoian  
04/18: Louis Orcutt, Kim Doverspike  
04/19: Jim Shearer  
04/21: Catherine Dicks, Elizabeth Dicks  
04/22: Patsy Knoop, Kenneth Isaacson  
04/23: Dan Kutt  
04/25: Sumie Satoh  
04/27: Hannah Knoop  
04/29: Dan Saylor, Drew Mayer,  
Grace Doverspike  
04/30: Lauren Christian, Kendall Nagy

### ***Our sincere condolences to:***

The family and friends of Helen Maloney who passed away March 8th.

The family and friends of Gloria Knoop who passed away March 10th.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## **Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am**

**April 1 / - Palm Sunday ~ Rev. Dave Bleivik**

**April 8 / - Easter Sunday ~ Rev. Dave Bleivik**

**April 15/ - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

**April 22/ - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

**April 29/ - Rev. Dave Bleivik**



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## Our Vision

## Sent with a Prayer

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