



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

April 2014 Newsletter



Celebrate Easter!
Sunday, 4/20



Sermon on the Mount
Sermon Series

Living
as a disciple in the real world
as directed by Jesus.

Praise Worship

Saturday, May 17th
4:30pm

An Hour of
Praise and Prayer

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Mozart Requiem
Sunday April 6, 2:00pm
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Evening of 'Giggles & Grub'
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Our Lenten/Spring Adventure
Small Groups

Hope and Help for Your
Turbulent Times

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Children's Series for Lent
Box of Treasures:
A Lenten Story

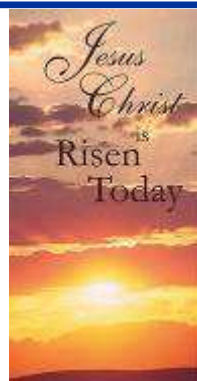
Continues each Sunday

Artist: *Sheila Beatty*

He is Risen!

Please join us for these special *Easter* events:

April 13	Palm Sunday ~~~~~	10am
April 17	Maundy Thursday ~~~~~ with communion	7pm
April 18	Good Friday ~~~~~ Worship in the Sanctuary	12-12:45pm
April 20	Easter Sunday	
	Brunch in Mitchell Hall ~~~~~	8:45am
	Worship in Sanctuary ~~~~~	10am



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Our adult class, **The Sermon on the Mount**, continues through May 18th. We meet in the North Parlor to discuss how we can live out the Sermon on the Mount in our world today. Join us at 9am.

FISH – Wednesday evenings

Our adult class at FISH this spring is **Crazy Love**. It is a video series based on the book by Francis Chan. Mark Dearth is leading this class through May 14th. Dinner is at 6pm and class begins at 6:45 (During Lent, worship is at 6:45, so class begins at 7:15pm).

I'd like to thank Rev. Doug Campbell for his wonderful series, "**parables in reverse**". It was a thought provoking series and encouraged all of us to live out Jesus' parables today.

If you know other wonderful speakers who might be available to share with us on Wednesday evenings next year, please let me know soon. Good speakers have busy schedules that fill up quickly.

Small Group Adventure

We are more than ½ way through our Lenten small group study. It is a wonderful time for all who are participating. They are enjoying great fellowship, wonderful Bible Study, and guidance in dealing with struggles or stressful times.

VBS Decorations

I have pictures to paint. If you are willing to paint, let me know. Sometime this spring we will hold a paint session for the kids. Some of them love to help make decorations. It will probably be on a Saturday morning. So parents, let me know before I schedule this if there are Saturdays to avoid.

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, or youth group over the next 6 weeks.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

Lenten Mid-week Worship Services

Wednesday at 6:45pm in the Chapel

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



With Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to:

- The family and friends of Marion Zimnicki who passed away on March 10th.
- Bert Ebi and family on the March 25th passing of Bert's wife, Dorothy 'Dottie' Ebi.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Children's Ministry

Many thanks to Sheila Beatty and Jane Mykytenko for this year's Lenten Children's series in the worship service and children's church. Thanks to Sheila for her creativity and dedication as she portrays the stories of Holy Week in "bas relief." What a privilege to see art in action! Thanks to Jane for her thoughtfulness and enthusiasm as she creates treasure boxes with the children. At Easter time, each child will take home a treasure box filled with reminders of the stories of Easter and the week leading up to it. This will be a very special memory for our kids!



VBS: This summer at VBS, we'll take an incredible journey into the wilderness with none other than Moses himself! With Group Publishing's *Wilderness Escape* 2014 VBS program, kids will learn straight from bible through hero Moses. Kids will also learn firsthand what it was like to live in the Israelite camp during Moses' time. Join 1 of the 12 Israel Tribes for crafts, music, games, and more!

Talk to Beckie Dicks if you'd like to be a part of this ministry. We will be scheduling another planning meeting soon after Easter.

VBS Dates: July 14-18. Please mark your calendars!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



Saturday Night Alive!

- **Saturday, May 17th, 2014**
- **4:30-5:30pm**
- **First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**

Come join us for an hour of contemporary praise music and worship. All are welcome! We hope to fill your hearts with the love of God through some upbeat, powerful music and messages. See you there!

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
600 North Brady
Dearborn, MI 48124
313.274.1313

Giggles & Grub!



What a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship as Nancy Worcester and her 'hands' shared a thoughtful message and a few laughs.

Catered Tea & Diaper Drive

Presbyterian Women hosted this event to raise awareness & collect diapers for those in need. Special guest speaker was *Marybeth Levine, Detroit Area Diaper Bank.*



Touch of Hope Easter Offering

The Easter Offering for our Touch of Hope families will take place on April 6. Many of our families are struggling. Families receive a Kroger gift card for perishables. 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 6th items can be donated at the church office before the event. Please consider giving some time on Sunday morning April 6 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 April 6. 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.



Presbyterian Women ~ A Celebration

It was in April 1942 when the "Women's Association" was formed. Earlier the group was called the "Women's Society" later the "Women's Missionary Society." The name changed in 1978 to First Church Women. **Every woman of this church is automatically a member.**

Currently there is a board of officers and two Circles which meet monthly.

During the year the events sponsored are numerous: The Silent Auction, Cookie Walk, Arts and Craft Show, Bake Sales, Mission Sewing, Thursday weekly Bible Study, all of which are Mission oriented. A Catered Tea was held recently. A new Knitting/Crochet Prayer Shawl Group has also been added to the list.

We celebrate this month because after 72 years of service the mission continues. There is much to do and be done. ***Celebrate with us.***

Come join us as we continue to praise God through work and study. Follow our Announcements through the VISION, Bulletins, and our Bulletin Board.

We are grateful for all the support you have given us,

~Presbyterian Women Board



Do you use EMAIL? Have you been receiving the email messages about FPC events?

If not, we would love to add your email address to our list. The DNA Committee has been sending out limited messages on upcoming events. These messages are great reminder for you and can be easily forwarded to friends. Forwarding is a way for you to invite someone to experience God's love in action. Please email fpcd.events@gmail.com, or call the church at (313)274-1313 to give us your email address, or permission to use your email that we have on file.



Music Corner

April is here, I don't know yet whether spring will be here by the time you get this Vision, but the end of Lent and Easter will come whether we have snow or not! We have lots of upcoming dates for your calendars!

Sunday April 6, 2:00pm in the sanctuary – Mozart Requiem Concert with First United Methodist Church of Dearborn. We will be doing this with orchestra and soloists. The Mozart Requiem is one of the most beloved works in all of the musical repertoire. This should be a fantastic performance with about 50 singers.

Sunday April 13 – PALM SUNDAY. Come and enjoy the triumphal procession led by our children and "Purple Skirt" dancers!

Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm – MAUNDY THURSDAY. Come and journey with us through readings and prayer as we follow Jesus' path from the Last Supper to the Garden, with readings of At Jerusalem's Gate: Poems of Easter by Nikki Grimes, prayer and music.

Friday, April 18, 12:00 Noon – GOOD FRIDAY. We will continue our journey to the cross in Scripture, readings, prayer and music at our Noontime service.

Sunday, April 20 – EASTER SUNDAY. Join us for our celebration of the resurrection! Our Purple Skirt dancers will be dancing, we will have a brass ensemble, and we will have a wonderful extended prelude beginning at 9:45.

Sunday, April 27, 7:00pm – Vanguard Voices in concert. Come and hear Dearborn's select community chorus in concert. They will be presenting Requiem Brevis, a piece commissioned for them to perform in our sanctuary. Very exciting! The piece is for 8 semi-choruses arranged around the sanctuary. One chorus is in front, one in the balcony and the other 6 are arranged around the mezzanine. We look forward to an amazing concert!

Hope to see you at some (or all!) of these wonderful music and worship opportunities.

~In Christ, Marshall

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Class will be on Easter break and will not meet April 17 (Maundy Thursday) or April 24. We will resume our regular schedule on Thursday, May 1 (10:00-11:30am) in the North Parlor. We continue to study in the Old Testament books of Exodus/Deuteronomy.

~Lorraine Lamkin

Emergency Contact Forms

Emergency Contact Forms are now available in the Narthex. If you would like the church to have contact information on file for you in the event of an emergency, we encourage you to fill out the form and turn it in to Vicki Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

~Thank You.

Musings from Pastor Mike - April 2014

Let's hope that spring is well on its way and that the sun is shining brightly on you as you read this article. Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we all await with anticipation for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Hallelujah!

March was a great month. I got to **preach** in the Chapel and Sanctuary 4 times, as well as two mini messages at Converge, all within 8 days! Thank-you Pastor Dave, Marshall & Tim, Vicki, session, musicians and choir, as well as to you my family of faith, for allowing me to try and let God speak through me. As always, I appreciated your feed-back which will help me to craft future messages with more of the Spirit's guidance.

Converge is going so well over at Panera Cares each Saturday at 6 PM. Do remember that more mature (age-wise) adults are always welcome if you would like to "sample" what we are doing. Soup and fellowship is from 6-6:30, worship & message on Servant Leadership from 6:30-7:00 (or communion & mission reports on the 1st Saturday of each month), and discussion groups complete the evening from 7-7:30 PM, often with a social activity afterward out in the community. The young adults are using their leadership skills by planning and completing the missions as well as planning the social events...it's an organic type of thing! Missions have included 2 U of M-D game and pizza nights over at the Union, a prayer walk on Michigan Ave., collecting gum, jerky & toiletries to mail off to deployed service men and women overseas, a child-care for young couples to enjoy a night out, volunteering at the DRMM's soup kitchen in Detroit, as well as feeding the hungry on the streets of the Cass Corridor (thank-you church family for supporting that effort so well!)

Mentoring of the young adults by 10 of us more mature (age-wise) adults has been happening on a weekly basis. I held a Friday evening retreat this past month to connect with the adults and to let them share their successes as well as their trials. We talked through some material on 20-somethings to help everyone learn more about this current crop of young adults and the characteristics that they exhibit. Much was learned and much pizza was eaten.


Our **Sunday morning class** with ruling elders and young adults proves to be a favorite of many as we wrestle with The Sermon on the Mount, Essential Elements of our Reformed Faith, and Biblical Truths that require soft hearts, open minds, and lots of listening.

GrouPeru! '14 is firmly in place and we will be shipping out mid-June through the end of June. We have devotions to prepare, craft items to pack, and songs to learn, but we are focused, on track time-wise, and have been praying that the trip brings glory to God.


Please keep all the young adult ministries in your prayers. **Thanks again church family** for all your support with the young adults...we are truly blessed.

In His service, -Pastor Mike.

April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	9am-1pm P.O.D. PW Gathering- MH, K, Sanctuary 10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff- SP 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:15-8pm Class- NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
Communion/ 5th Sunday In Lent 6 9am Education Hour 9am T. of Hope Food Collection & Distribution- MH 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 2pm Choir Concert- Sanctuary 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group YL, YC No Children's Choir No Handbell Choir No Youth Choir 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	7 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	8 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-7:15pm Worship- Chapel 7:15-8pm Class- NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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Notes from our Parish Nurse

Parents beware. If your tots and teens get their hands on your energy drinks, they could experience seizures, heart palpitations or other problems that drive them to the hospital emergency room. Children most at risk appear to be those who regularly consume the increasingly popular caffeine-laden energy drinks or gulp down a relatively large amount of the liquid in a short span, according to Rutgers University's poison control experts.

"These drinks are made for adults. When young children drink them, they consume a large quantity of caffeine for their body mass. At the minimum, they become wired -- just as an adult would -- and it might be difficult for parents to console them or calm them down," says Bruce Ruck, director of drug information and professional education for the New Jersey Poison Information & Education System (NJPIES) at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark. "Children also might have trouble falling asleep or experience tremors, anxiety, agitation, heart palpitations, nausea or vomiting. Of more concern, they may experience a rapid heart rate or seizures.

"Parents need to be aware of the risks and treat these drinks as they would a medication. Store them on a high shelf, away from view. If they have teenagers, they should monitor their exposure," Ruck adds.

Energy drinks also pose hazards to adolescents, especially when mixed with alcohol or punishing workouts. Steven Marcus, the executive and medical director of NPIES, emphasizes that teens and young adults are inherently risk takers. And those who are physically active face extra risk this time of year.

"This is when high school and collegiate athletes start their ramp up," says Marcus. "The use of energy drinks coupled with strenuous exercise in hot weather can produce a potentially fatal situation."

Risks associated with energy drinks made headlines recently when the mother of a California teenager who died from cardiac arrhythmia in 2012 sued an energy drink company, claiming its product caused her 19-year-old son to go into cardiac arrest. He reportedly consumed two cans daily for three years before his death.

Brightly designed packaging appears to be one reason younger children are attracted to energy drinks. Some of the colorful containers resemble soda cans, others fit in the palm of your hand. The small containers may allow younger children to mistake the energy beverages for the drinks they typically consume. Some teens and even young adults are finding themselves in an emergency room after regularly consuming these popular beverages.

A recent issue of *Clinical Toxicology*, the journal of the American Association of Poison Control Centers, reported that children under age 6 who consumed caffeine-infused energy drinks accounted for more than half of the energy drink-related toxicity cases involving child illnesses that have been reported to the U.S. National Poison Data System. This startling statistic was disclosed on the heels of the American Medical Association's call for a ban on the marketing of energy drinks to children under 18 pending more scientific studies. The concern? The ease with which children can access these highly caffeinated beverages, which could lead to a variety of health problems and even death. Individuals most at risk appear to be those who consume these drinks on a regular basis -- and that's up to 50 percent of adolescents and young adults, according to a recent report in the journal *Pediatrics*. Caffeine levels in drinks such as Monster, Red Bull and Rockstar range from about 6 milligrams to 242 milligrams per serving, and some containers have more than one serving. By comparison, an 8-ounce cup of coffee has about 100 milligrams. In addition to the caffeine, some of these energy drinks also contain another ingredient called "DMAA", which is essentially an amphetamine-like compound, known in higher doses to elevate blood pressure, "which creates an even greater risk.

Sales of energy drinks, which entered the American market in the mid-1980s, soared to \$12.5 billion last year and show no signs of slowing. Most of these products are perfectly "safe" when used with caution and in moderation. But, it is imperative that consumers are better educated about the dangers of these beverages. Most people are under the assumption that since they sold on the open market without warnings, they must be safe. Not true! Please be informed consumers! And if you know of others who should be made aware of this information, please direct them to this website:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/09/130904114319.htm>



Command those who are rich... to put their hope in God who provides... to be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

Here Paul tells Timothy how the godly rich prepare for eternal life. Since we are richer than most of those who have ever lived, this speaks to us! Our blessings, including the “good and perfect gifts” (*James 1:17*), all come from God. So we are stewards of God’s resources (*Deut. 8:18; 1 Sam. 2:7; 1 Chron. 29:12; Psalm 24:1*). To whom much is given, much is required (*Luke 12:48*). We are blessed to bless others (*Gen 12:2, 3*).

As we use God’s resources in the context of eternity, we develop a sense of eternal life issues that guide us. That helps us prepare wisely for our eternal home. Doing so includes using our time, gifts, talents, and wealth to serve, as Jesus lived and taught His disciples (*Mark 10:44, 45*). That witnesses our faith to unbelievers.

What’s the alternative? Worldly wealth is temporary and easily lost (*Matt. 6:19, 20*). Excessive concern for wealth is idolatry (*Col. 3:5*) which is a problem of the heart (*Matt. 6:21*). Worldly wealth is often unsatisfying; if we pursue it, we never have enough, and concern for it creates anxiety (*Eccl. 5:10-13*). We are better off seeking God first (*Matt. 6:33, 34*) and learning contentment (*Prov. 30:8, 9; Phil 4:11, 12*) based on faith.

In preparing for Heaven, God uses the blessings, trials, and resources of this life to help us become like His Son. Thus we learn the truth of life and take hold of what is truly life. This may bring us into conflict with unbelievers, but our souls can find peace through our faith in Christ (*John 16:33*).

~John Holden

Knitting ~ Prayer Shawls

Knitters of all ability levels: if you are looking to fellowship, exchange ideas, patterns and tips with other knitters and also would be interested in knitting prayer shawls for our Parish Nurse, Chris Mayer, to take to those in need of comfort, please join us the 4th Thursday of the month from 7-9 pm. ~ Lynn Hoffman



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

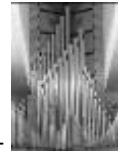
Please join us the fourth Wednesday of each month for Christian Fellowship and Information as we go for lunch, or meet in Mitchell Hall. Check the Keenager bulletin board for details and sign-up sheet.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to **Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at vickidfpcd30@gmail.com**. 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.

Our Vision is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to Jim Barber at jimb@firstpresdearborn.org no later than the **10th** of the month. Please date your articles & **keep them brief - one page or less. Longer articles will result in smaller font. We reserve the right to edit as needed.**



American Guild of Organists ~ Pipe Organ Scholarship Auditions



To the good folks of FPD:

I am glad to share that on Tuesday, April 22, 6 PM, several young contestants will be playing our magnificent Aeolian Skinner pipe organ in the annual American Guild of Organists Detroit Chapter Scholarship auditions. Each year the chapter awards three \$400 scholarships to encourage beginning and intermediate organ students in paying for their studies. You are welcome to attend these 'finals' of the competition, and I'll be there as one of the judges.

Along those lines, I'm happy to share that my own AGO chapter, Ann Arbor, of which I'm the Dean, is hosting an advanced 'Pipe Organ Encounter', which is kind of like 'band camp' for advanced high school aged organists. It will be held in and around the University of Michigan and area churches.

I've noticed in the past recent years a resurgence of interest in the pipe organ on the part of younger people, and also in the national church scene there is renewed interest in the organ and church music. Many fine new organs are being build in major churches, an interesting time for the art and craft of the organ and music ministry.

Pax et summum bonum (Peace and all good things)

Dr Timothy Huth- Organist, First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken during the month of March. In recent years Presbyterians world-wide have given about \$8 million a year. The funds support disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid in over 100 countries including the U.S. and Canada. 36% goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and 32% goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and 32% goes to the Self-Development of People ministry. You may designate your regular giving envelope, or you can use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes available in the narthex.



Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Thank-you. *Outreach and Mission Committee*



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

TREASURE CHEST— WHAT'S NEW?

The Treasure Chest has an all new Children's Section for those wishing to shop for the younger ones. Much creative design, administration and construction was provided by the following dedicated volunteers:

Display Shelves— Olimpia Todor

Construction— Bob Missler & Vic Todor

Display & Pricing— Jan Cobb

Donations have been terrific— Stop by and check it out.

Kudos to all who made it happen!



Lenten Coffee House Refresh

The 4:12 Youth Group of First Presbyterian invites you to enjoy refreshments and fellowship at our “Coffee House Refresh” in the Youth Lounge, following the 2pm Requiem concert on Sunday, April 6th.

1 Timothy 4:12 “Speech, Conduct, Love, Faith, Purity”



LIBRARY CORNER

Looking for a good book to read? Check out your church library, next to the South Parlor.

New books are being added to the church library on a regular basis. To make room for new books, older books that are no longer checked out and duplicate copies of some books are being removed from the shelves. The withdrawn books are being placed on a cart (MARKED FREE BOOKS) and looking for a new home. Stop by the library and look at these books, take any that interest you. They are free. Some older videos are also available.

I will be in the church library following the worship service some Sundays during April.

~Julia Casey



*Lone bird on a branch....
Could this be Spring
by any chance?*



Listening Sessions Progress Report

Thank you to all who helped plan, hosted, led or attended the listening sessions that began last fall. We also appreciate the help of those who recorded and tabulated the resulting data. We are happy to let you know that many of the follow-ups to your comments have already been initiated. Some activities were already in the works prior to the listening sessions and what a positive thing it is to realize from your discussions that those activities were things you also wished to see happen. Know also that additional comments are being forwarded to the appropriate committees or groups for their consideration and planning. Your comments have been taken to heart! A printed summary of these comments was available at the last Congregational Meeting. Here are a number of the concepts that were emphasized by participants in the listening sessions and are already being realized. However, this is by no means a complete list....there are many more rewarding activities being guided by so many of our members and staff.

New small groups are available and began meeting with the start of Lent. Wednesday nights Fish has brought in Doug Campbell as a guest presenter---something similar to the Hour of Excellence speakers of years ago that a number of people suggested in their comments. A new mentoring project has started and there have been lessons in Greek offered. There is currently a proposal being worked on to improve the sound system in the sanctuary. The finance committee continues to work on a new formula for the budget and our church again successfully hosted and assisted with the Leadership Conference for the Presbytery.

There are numerous activities for members of the church community and beyond including Crop Walk, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Tea with diaper donations, Giggles and Grub, Trunk or Treat, Game Night with euchre, and additional service opportunities. We continue to support the Touch of Hope families, Christ Net, and the food bank at Cherry Hill Presbyterian and also are supporting those in military service with the donation of jerky, gum and other treats to be sent to them. There are increased opportunities to donate, collect and help prepare food to feed the hungry in the Cass Corridor. Adults can join our youth who have already participated in this ministry. Those who cannot help in person with this and other projects are signing up to support these and other efforts with prayer.

The music program is combining with other vocal groups for performances such as the Requiem and a concert with the Vanguard Voices as well as organ concerts. The monthly Praise Service offers additional prayer and music opportunities. Converge now meets at Panera Cares.

Wearing the new sweatshirts and fleece tops with the church logo we can stay warm and further spread the word of our congregation. Nametags are available to order. There are also ways to have your copy of the Vision forwarded to you if you are away for the winter. You will have noticed changes in the worship folders to include the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Even more effective use is being made of the screens in the sanctuary to display notices and verses of songs. Be sure to check additional means of communication being used such as the church website and Facebook.

Numerous exciting opportunities for fellowship are available to members and visitors alike. Watch for more new and enhanced activities as together we bring our envisioning to reality!

~Dave and Jan Smith

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."*



New Logo Name Tags

Name tags with our new cross logo can be ordered through the deacons. This is a good way for all of us to get to know each other. To order, please see Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator (313)791-0377.



Pipe Organ Concert

Organists:
Timothy Huth and Steven Flick

Ann Arbor
AGO Lenten 'Sunset' Series 2014
Friday March 28, 2014 5:15pm
1ST Congregational Church, Ann Arbor

Karl Wilhelm Pipe Organ

April Birthdays

04/03: Alan Brailsford, 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: Jack Evenhouse, Jacob Samuel
04/10: Adrienne Young
04/11: Jacqueline Wolter
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, Andrew Mayer,
Grace Doverspike
04/30: Lauren Christian, Kendall Nagy



Sweatshirts for Sale

DNA has sweatshirts & fleeces for sale with our new church logo.

Please see Kim Doverspike if interested.

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

April 6 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik

April 13 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

April 20 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

April 27 / -

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