



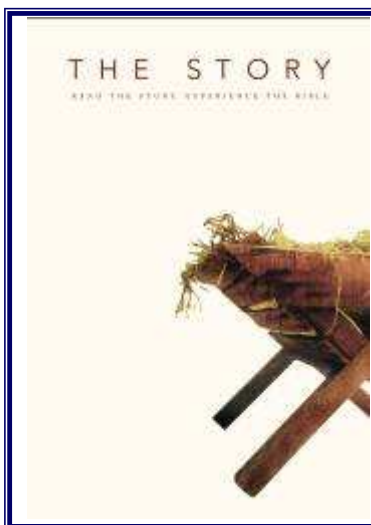
Our Vision

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
May 2013 Newsletter**



Identity Theft & Phone/Email Scams

presented by
**Presbyterian Women's
Spring Gathering**
Saturday, May 4th
See Page 7



"The Story"

The last day of the adventure—
Sunday May 5th

Please join us on our journey:
Sundays— 9am, Mitchell Hall
10am, Worship

Celebration Potluck! Sunday May 5th

See Page 12



Scottish Highland Dance
Jillian Drzinski
See page 13



Special Mothers Day Service
Sunday, May 12th
See page 3

Mothers Day Reflection
See page 4



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time Travel to Athens!
Join the Adventure
July 22-26
See page 3

Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

Christian Education	2	Parish Nurse	10
Young Adult Ministry	5	Calendar	8 & 9
Children's Ministry	3	Announcements	12-15
Music Corner	6	Reflections on the Word	14

Adult Sunday School

Our May Sunday School classes will be:

May 5th – The last lesson of “**The Story**” – Mitchell Hall

May 12 – June 2nd – **The Reason for God**. This course focuses on the objections people have to the Christian faith and how we as Christians can address them. Pastor Don Wright will lead this class in the North Parlor

Adult Summer Sunday School

On June 9th we will start our summer Sunday School study. It will be a continuation of the Ray Vander Laan series “Faith Lessons”. Using video presentations of Biblical sites in Israel, and Turkey, we will explore the Old Testament this summer, focusing on the Israelites in bondage in Egypt and then the Exodus and Wandering in the Desert. We will run through Sept. 1st. All are invited to join us in the North Parlor at 9am on Sundays. Join us whenever you are in town this summer.

FISH

FISH meets through May 8th and will then break for the summer. If you’ve never attended FISH but would like to try it, we invite you to come to our last 2 weeks, May 1st and 8th. We begin with dinner at 6, followed by class at 6:45. The food is great, the fellowship is wonderful and the class discussions are enlightening. Mark Dearth is leading a discussion class, “**Gospel in Life**”, a look at how grace changes everything. “**The Story**” class finishes May 1st.

“The Story” Celebration

Our 31 week adventure through **The Story** finishes on Sunday May 5th. We will celebrate our adventure with a potluck luncheon in Mitchell Hall after worship on the 5th. Meat and beverage will be provided. Everyone is invited for a time of good food, great fellowship, and a little fun. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Nancy DeHamer will be overseeing the set-up and will have the ovens on and the refrigerator ready. You may drop off your dish in the kitchen before worship and Nancy will see that it gets on the table.

Mother’s Day

Celebrate Mother’s Day with us as our children and youth lead us in worship. This is always a special service. It is a blessing to see our young ones learning and growing in their understanding of God and His Word.

Summer Camp

Parents – consider sending your elementary, middle school, and high school children to church camp. Howell Conference and Nature Center in Howell and Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake have excellent line-ups of camps for this summer. There are brochures on the Christian Education bulletin board and copies in the Christian Ed. Office and in Mitchell Hall.

Step by Step Verses

Our memory verses for May and June are:

May 5	Proverbs 10:9	May 26	John 15:26	June 16	Proverbs 16:3
May 12	Philippians 3:13-14	June 2	Proverbs 25:11	June 23	Psalm 23:6
May 19	1 Peter 1:13	June 9	Proverbs 28:13	June 30	Matthew 25:20-12



VBS Decorating

Anyone interested in helping with VBS decorations, please contact me. There will be plenty of painting pictures for our walls that needs to be done.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

Children's Ministry

Mother's Day- Our students are busily preparing for the Mother's Day church service on Sunday, May 12. Our Mother's Day service is always a special treat for all. All of our classes, preschool through youth, participate, putting together a remarkable service in honor of the special women in our lives. There will be contributions from Sunday School, Wednesday night FISH, Confirmation Class and Youth Group. Don't miss it!!



VBS 2013: July 22-26

(Preschool through Fifth Grade)

Join Apostle Paul on his Second Missionary Journey with this Athens Vacation Bible School adventure!

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



Let's "time-travel" together!

Contact Beckie Dicks if you'd like to volunteer. Mid-highers through adults are welcome. If you have a particular area where you'd like to serve, call soon. Spots fill up!!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



Mother's Day and How You Can Help First Step

On Mother's Day, as you honor your mother, please consider helping another. Not all mothers are being pampered today.

Each year more than 2.5 million American women experience domestic violence. All too often, this physical abuse results in death. Every day in the U.S. three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.

This Mother's Day, as you honor a mother in your life, make a "loose change" charitable gift, and you will help a mother at First Step who is struggling to bring safety and peace to her family.

First Step is asking a few select churches throughout Wayne County to participate in an "Empty Your Pockets" loose change collection on Mother's Day, May 12th. First Presbyterian has been selected because we have been supportive of First Step in the past. Your loose change will provide safety, healing, and support to mothers who need to be safe on Mother's Day and every day.

~ Dorinda Hughes

Mother

By Gene Markland

Just the name evokes a flood of thoughts and memories. Childhood memories of a loving hand to bandage a skinned knee, and a magical kiss upon that bandage that made the pain fade away. The big smile and wild applause from the third row in the audience of a second grade school play, acknowledging my dramatic interpretation of a tree, a tree that spoke not a word. The bedtime stories and prayers where I learned that the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...

There are many wonderful Mothers in all our lives and though we honor them every year, it seems inadequate considering what they really deserve.

Source:(www.cbn.com/spirituallife/devotions/markland_mother.aspx)



“Mother and Child”; by Georges Hatsatouris

*Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12th*



The Story of Jesus

We are thankful for the wonderful story telling of Beckie Dicks and the artwork of Jim Shearer as we journeyed through Jesus' life of mission and ministry.



We welcome Spring!



'The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come...'

Song of Solomon 2:12 NLT

Musings from Pastor Mike

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

Disaster Relief Trip – Please keep Jonathan Mallard, Richard DeGrand, Chris Masouredis, Laura Wolfe, Brie Blake, Luayy Abu-Fadel, and myself in your prayers as we venture across to New Jersey for Converge’s second Disaster relief Trip. We will be working with other members of the Detroit Presbytery to remedy the effects of Hurricane Sandy. I was able to get the Detroit Presbytery to pay for almost 1/3 of the trip for each participant with DNA chipping in for over 1/3 of the trip and each participant paying the balance. Look for photos and a report in the June Vision.

Bible Studies – Currently Jonathan and I are hosting 4 Bible studies with members from the Converge Young Adult Saturday evening program. Jonathan has a Monday evening gathering in a Dearborn apartment as well as one on Thursday mornings at Panera Cares. I host a lunchtime Downriver Bible Study at Hawaiian Gardens Chinese Restaurant in Riverview as well as one in the Youth Lounge at FPC on Wednesday evenings at FISH. Call me if you want to join us at 313-213-8319.

“Converging” with the FPC Congregation and our Neighborhood

January 2013 – 7 members of Converge volunteered to be a part of the FPC Presbytery-wide Leadership Conference

February 2013 – Converge members supported the FPC Talent Night filling 2 tables with 14 individuals.

March 2013 – 4 members of Converge worked with CREW HS Youth Group and another Dearborn area Youth Group to set-up/tear-down/wash dishes and put away all that was needed to feed/interact with feeding the hungry at Cass Park.

April 2013 – Converge joined up with hundreds of other young adults at My Brother’s Keeper Church in Detroit for an evening of joint worship and message along with a day of mission, cleaning up blight in Detroit. Converge will also do a Feed the Hungry on the Streets of Detroit in late April.

May 2013 – Converge Disaster relief trip to NJ.

June 2013 –GrouPeru! ’13 Mission Trip & Converge convenes at Panera Cares.

July 2013 – Converge will host the First Annual Cass Park Festival of Physical, Spiritual, and Social Healing, with hot lunches, worship, clothing hand-out, prayer table, and a mobile health unit.

God is working in a mighty way through our congregation and the young adults. Thanks to DNA for all of its financial support and the spiritual support of our family of faith.

~God’s Peace - Pastor Mike



Welcome to May where there seems to be something special every Sunday!

May 5th is the end of our journey through *The Story*. We'll be having a special celebration for the last week of our year-long study of the Bible by working through *The Story* together. May 12th is Mother's Day. The Children and Youth Choirs will be singing and the Handbell Choir will be playing. We'll have other youth musicians participating throughout the morning. May 19th is Pentecost. Again we'll have some special music and a celebration of the "birthday of the church". May 26th is Memorial Day weekend. We'll have another opportunity for celebration through music and worship.

Whew, what a month! Also, mark your calendars moving forward into June for our special organ concert with Dave Wagner! As most of you know, Dave is the morning and late afternoon host at WRCJ, Detroit's own classical music radio station. The concert will be Sunday, June 23rd at 4:00pm. We look forward to having Dave Wagner come and play our organ. The money raised will go towards our organ renovation fund. More information on this concert will follow.

Over the years, I have amassed quite a library of books on music. Some of these tell the stories of hymns. As I was looking through one of these the other day, I came across this write-up on a familiar benediction and benediction response, "The Lord Bless you and Keep You."

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

The Dead Sea Scrolls were, until recently, our oldest copies of biblical text. But in 1979, Villanova professor, Judith Hadley, was assisting archaeologist, Gabriel Barkay, in excavating a site in Jerusalem's Hinnom Valley. In a burial cave, she saw something resembling the metal cap of a pencil. It was a sensational find, a tiny silver scroll of great antiquity. Another was found nearby. These tiny amulets, dating to the Hebrew monarchy seven centuries before Christ, were so small and fragile they took several years to painstakingly clean and open.

When scientists finally unrolled them, they found the world's oldest extant copy of a biblical text, the words of Numbers 6:24-26.

These ancient lyrics have been set to music many times, but never more beautifully than by Peter Christian Lutkin in his classic tune BENEDICTION.

Lutkin was born in Wisconsin in 1888, and devoted his life to church music, studying the masters in Europe, excelling on the organ, and founding the School of Music at Northwestern. He helped start the American Guild of Organists. He died in 1931 and was buried in Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

In his *Notes from My Bible*, D. L. Moody said about the priestly blessing of Numbers 6: "...Every heart may utter it, ever letter may conclude with it, every day may begin with it, every night may be sanctified by it." – From *Then Sings My Soul*, Robert J. Morgan, 2003

Listen to the Choral Amen during May and see if you agree.
See you in Church! ~Marshall



Touch of Hope Easter Offering

The Easter Touch of Hope Offering provided Kroger gift cards and needed non-perishable items to sixteen families this year. In addition five children received Easter baskets. Older children received chocolate candy.

There are many people to thank for the successful offering provided by this ministry. The shopping and basket assembly was done by Charlene Reid, Tracie Szczechura, and Margie Maurer. Very special thanks to Jan Cobb for her expertise in creating beautiful Easter cards for the families. On the Sunday of the offering committed volunteers helped to transport, sort, and pack items collected from the congregation. Volunteers included Bonnie Andrew, Nancy DeHamer, Sue Ingram, Janet Leslie, Dean Masouredis, Margie and Mike Maurer, Charlene Reid, Sue Sullivan, Tracie and Bob Szczechura, Jan Witkowski and Lori Wyatt. Wendy Palmer and Lori Mathews were helpful during the entire offering process. We thank everyone involved and appreciate the help.

Thanks to all congregation members who graciously donated items and monetary donations to the offering. Our families were very appreciative.

The sponsors who work with families on a regular basis are to be commended for their time and effort. The sponsors delivered the Easter offering to their Touch of Hope families with blessings and God's love. Special thanks to Lynn Campbell, our newest sponsor, and to Alan Gentinne for making deliveries. Many people within the congregation are responsible for the successful Touch of Hope Offering. We can be proud of the support we extend to the families. Thank you to each of you.



Presbyterian Women, *Spring Gathering* Saturday, May 4th

The Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering will be on Saturday, May 4th at 11 a.m. A representative from the Michigan Attorney General's office will speak to us on the very important topics of protecting ourselves from **identify theft** and how to recognize and report **common scams** initiated over the phone or by mail/email. Lunch will be served afterwards. This event is free and everyone is welcome, however, we are asking that you make either a monetary donation or bring paper products to be given to Second Mile Center, a PW-sponsored mission project. Please sign up on Sundays in the Narthex or call Charlene Reid at 313-791-2621 to make your reservation.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study is suspended for the month of May. Look for future notices in the "Vision" for our September start date. ~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.

2013

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff- SP 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP 6:45-8:15pm Pastor Dave meets with Confirmation Class- R16 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP
Communion 5 Flower Flat pickup- outside 9am Session meets w/Confirmation Class 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:15am "The Story" Luncheon- MH, K 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary CREW Movie Day (TIME TBA) 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6-7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg.- R16, R12 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	5:30-9:30pm Dearborn Symphony Scholarship Competition- R16, R12, Nursery, Turco 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7pm Property- Library 7:30-8:30pm Investment Committee 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm Last FISH till September (dinner) MH 6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
Mother's Day/Children's Day 12 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am GrouPeru Cupcake Sale- Narthex 1-9pm B. Scout Trail to Eagle Mtg.- MH, K, YC, N&SP, Lib, R16,14,12, &2A&B No Children's Choir No CREW Youth No Handbell Choir No Youth Choir No 4:12 Group 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH (last one till Sept.) 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7-8pm Deacons- R12 (last one till Sept.) 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7-9pm CE Committee- NP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm PROGRAM Staff- SP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday 19 Disaster Team leaves 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary No CREW Youth 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6-7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg.- R16, R12 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP 6:30pm SESSION/CC -NP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-1pm Keenagers- MH (K) 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary No CREW Youth 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's (last one till Sept.) 26	Memorial Day observed 27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7-8pm Technology- R12 7:30-9pm AA- MH 28	Treasure Chest closed 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco

4/24/2013 10:46:00 AM

2013

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	National Day of Prayer	2		3	Set up Communion
	8am-6:30pm CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6-7pm Personnel- SP 7pm Community Prayer Service at Fairlane Alliance Church (outdoors)		PW Spring Gathering set up- MH, K		11am PW Spring Gathering- MH, K 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
8		9		10	
	11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite		6:30-9pm Game Night- MH		9-10:30am DNA- R16 10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP (last one till Sept.) 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
			DEADLINE FOR VISION		
15		16		17	
	11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 4-5pm POD Cong. Life- SP		2pm Set up for Go Peru!- MH		10am-3pm Peru Team MH, K 6-10pm Go Peru! Benefit Concert- MH, K
22		23		24	
	11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 5:30-9pm Boy Scout Council- MH, K., NP, SP (last one till Sept.)				9-10:30am DNA- R16 12pm Lewy/Mykytenko Wedding 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
29		30		31	
	11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit.				

HISTORY OF PARISH NURSING AND HEALTH MINISTRY

From an article by Theresa M. Sellers, MHSA, BSN, RN, and Kimberly A. Orfanelli, BSN, RN

Parish nursing is the result of the work of the Reverend Granger Westberg, a Hinsdale, IL, Lutheran minister whose efforts to unite medicine and religion led to the creation of the parish nurse program. Parish nursing was then further developed by the early work of deaconesses and other religious sisters who worked in parishes promoting health from a holistic approach. The first parish nursing program was developed in 1984 through the Pastoral Care Department of Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL. Congregations of all faiths are sponsoring parish nursing programs. Today it is estimated there are more than 6,000 practicing parish nursing programs, serving faith communities in the United States, Canada, Australia and other parts of the world.

Parish nursing has a spiritual dimension as a central part of the ministry, as well as a physical, psychological and social dimension. The focus of the practice is the faith community and its ministry. Parish nurses collaborate with pastoral staff and other ministries of the congregation to facilitate the ongoing transition of health and healing of its members. The practice believes that all persons are sacred and must be treated with respect and dignity. In response to this, the parish nurse encourages members to become more active in the management of their own personal health. The nurse also continues to embrace the spiritual, psychological, physical and social dimensions of the person as a sense of his or her own well-being.

What does the Parish Nurse do?

- Meets individually with clients in the home, hospital or church to provide holistic care and support
- Follows-up on hospital discharges
- Provides health screenings and monitoring
- Assesses the needs of the congregation and establishes programs to meet those needs
- Assists with locating resources in the community
- Supports the elderly desiring to remain in their homes
- Provides information about specific diseases/disorders
- Provides guidance for making healthy lifestyle changes
- Serves as a resource to other ministries at the church
- Works closely with other ministries to support each person in need

The Parish Nurse does not give direct hands-on treatment but empowers and enables the parishioner in the healing journey

Who can benefit from Parish Nurse Services?

Contact the nurse if you...

- Feel lost in our increasingly complex health system
 - Have questions about a medical condition, treatment, medication or symptoms
 - Need help and don't know where to turn
 - Have recently been released from the hospital
 - Have a family member or friend who might need to see the Parish Nurse
- Need the reassurance and personal touch of a medical professional who will take the time to listen

Source: www.palmlutheran.org/nursehistory.htm

Converge Landscaping Services

Converge Young Adults would like to clean-out your flower/shrub beds, rake lawns, and even do entire shrub removal and new design replacements (no grass cutting/fertilizing available at this time). Guided by Advanced Master Gardener Mike Hoffman, each member of our crew has been trained up and will work along side Mike as we make your yard the envy of the neighborhood. Call Mike at 313.562.5961 (home) or 313.213.8319 (cell) for a scheduled appointment, proposal, and price.





WWI Flanders Field American Cemetery; Waregem, Belgium
(Image from American Battle Monuments Commission)

Memorial Day Reflection

“ ... ‘Duty, Honor, Country’—those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying cry to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.... Their story is known to all of you. It is the story of the American soldier at arms... I regard them as one of the world’s noblest figures... I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts, and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory... They [exhibited] a resolute and determined defense... reverently following your password of Duty, Honor, Country.—...”

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

(from his speech to the West Point Corps of Cadets, May 12, 1962)

May we remember those who gave their lives to defend our nation.

Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church’s proclamation of Christ’s rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

Source: (www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pentecost/)



Jean II Restout, *Pentecost*, oil on canvas, 1732

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**. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

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

Noteworthy

- ◆ Congratulations to Bryce Norwood, one of our FPCD youth. Bryce was selected for the Press and Guide's All-Area Hockey team. Congratulations Bryce!
- ◆ Congratulations to Nancy Setterlun on receiving the Volunteer of Excellence Award from the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan on April 13, 2013.
- ◆ We have plenty of photo directories if anyone wants one. They are \$5 each. (That is what Lifetouch charges us). Please see Jim Barber or Ann Bleivik if you would like to purchase one.
- ◆ Mark your calendars. We're having a reception for Rev. Don Wright on June 2, 2013 after church at 11:00am who will be designated Pastor Emeritus.
- ◆ Music during Holy Week was awesome! Thank you to all the choirs, instrumentalists, dancers, etc. for making our worship experiences special.
- ◆ The Hurricane Sandy Mission Trip is Sun. May 19 through Sat. May 25th. Please keep our team in your thoughts and prayers as they minister to those in need.



Emergency Response Plan

We have met with representatives from the fire and police department. They are willing to provide some basic training for our leaders as to how to respond in emergency situations. We will let you know when that training will take place. In the meantime, we are working on updating our security measures and our emergency preparedness and procuring the necessary supplies. Stay tuned!

The Story Celebration and Potluck!

Everyone is invited to a potluck luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 5th, the last Sunday of ***The Story***. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. The kitchen, ovens and refrigerator will all be available for you to drop off your dish before worship. Nancy DeHamer will then oversee the setup for the potluck.



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!



Student Ministries Update

Jonathan Mallard, Youth Director

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It is GOOD to continue celebrating the resurrection of Jesus every day. We have seen God continue to make His name great over the past few months, and we pray that our students will recognize Jesus as the Lord of their lives. 4:12 (the middle school group) is growing, with an average of 10-12 students coming on Sundays. They are inviting friends and learning to share the good news of Jesus with friends at school using the Lifebook. Please pray that God will give them

supernatural love, confidence and peace as they reach out to friends.

CREW (the high school group) is busy with spring sports, AP exams, ACT testing and can't wait for summer! Please pray that the students recognize their identity as sons and daughters of God, and not as consumers of our sex-crazed, materialistic culture. Jesus is the only One who gives true life, purpose and fulfillment. Pray that all this will become clear to students as we spend time serving, learning, and having fun together. Pray also that I will be able to connect with the students in the midst of their busy schedules. Lastly, praise God for 3 new high school students in the past month!

Our next step in building Christlike relationships with the students is connecting them with more people in the congregation. From young adults to retirees, we all have a part to play in "raising up our children in the way they should go" so that they will be firm in their faith as adults. God has already begun this process by providing young adult volunteers, sponsors for confirmands, and adult chaperones for our trip to Lansing. Please pray for more opportunities for our congregation to jointly pour into these students' lives as spiritual mothers, fathers, and "older cousins". We truly are a family of faith. May our unity and love for one another display our risen Christ to the world!

~In Christ, Jonathan

Scottish Highland Dance!

Jilly began Scottish Highland dance approximately 1-1/2 years ago. Her mother and aunts danced when they were younger and Jilly has always shown a great interest in both dance and her Scottish heritage. Her first public appearance was at the Kalamazoo Highland festival in August of 2012. Since then she has performed at the Detroit Burns Club Dinner Dance. She was ready for competition in October of 2012, where she competed at London Ontario. Since then she has competed in Windsor, Ontario, Alma, and Chicago, IL --- bringing home several medals and placing in her age group / category each time. The Chicago competition was exciting as it attracted dancers from all over the country as well as Canada, Scotland and England. Jillian is in the Beginner category; with hopes to move up to Novice soon (this requires many awards and 'stamps' on her dance card for eligibility). She currently competes in the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Scottish Lilt, Flora McDonald, Hulluchan, and the Seann Truibhas. She is also learning new dances that she can compete with in later categories.

This upcoming spring and summer will provide Jillian many opportunities to compete : St. Andrew's competition in Troy, Saline Celtic Festival, St Andrew's Highland Games in Livonia, competitive dance in Cleveland, OH, Kingsville, Ontario, London Ontario, Embro, Ontario and the Alma Highland Games at Alma College (where her sister attends school). She will be attending a week-long camp with the Ohio Scottish Arts council at Oberlin College in June for further training with dancers from all over the country.



If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,

YOU ARE A ~ Keenager

Please join us on Wednesday, May 22nd, in Mitchell Hall. Check the Keenager bulletin board for further information.



So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is seated, at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:1 – 3*

How can Bible knowledge lead us to true spirituality? In Colossians chapter 3, Paul applies the theology of chapters 1 and 2. He begins with our new position in Christ – saved (1:13) and forgiven (1:14). Since our old self died (*Gal 2:20; Rom 6:2 – 7*), we are all new in Christ (*2 Cor 5:17; Phil 1:21*). This supernatural change puts us in Christ. We can now live in our new position if we actively seek “things above,” not “things that are on earth.” We still live in this world, but as Christian disciples despite worldliness. We can live by the Spirit (*Rom 8:4, 8, 11, 13 – 16*) who helps us replace sinfulness with Spiritual Fruit (*Gal 5:16 – 23*) and who equips us for ministry (*1 Cor 12: 4 -11; Phil 4:13; John 15:4 - 8*).

In Christ, love, forgiveness, faith, repentance, and ministry become more important than money, leisure, and comfort. Our life goals change. If we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we shall be filled (*Matt 5:5*). If we seek Jesus, we shall become like Him when we see Him as He is (*1 John 3:2, 3*). We take every thought captive to Christ (*2 Cor 10:5*). The rest of Chapter 3 presents specific behaviors that flow from this.

We are to think “Christianly” about life itself, not just the churchy parts. God is sovereign over everything (*Psalms 24:1*). Therefore, see everything in the context of Christ, replacing worldly ways so we can renew our minds and know God’s will (*Rom 12:2*). We replace “human tradition” (2:8) with God’s Word to no longer be subject to the “spirits of the world” (*Gal 4:3; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2*). Then” you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (*John 8:32*).

~John Holden

WISH LIST for LEGO RAFFLE PRIZES

Last summer our LEGO contest had a wide variety of raffle prizes donated for the children. Prizes such as hats and t-shirts from the Lions, gift cards for pizza, ice cream, LEGO items and other children related activities. If you have an item to donate or a good contact at a local business or Detroit sports team, please contact Diane Missler. And of course a cash donation to purchase a raffle prize will also be welcomed.



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."*



*Dear Mom, Dad,
and Church Leaders,*

*Please don't let our children play
in the curtains in Mitchell Hall.*

*Angels they are, but repairs are costly and there is
some risk they could be hurt if the curtains should
fall on them. ~Thank You.*

Our sincere condolences to:

Jane Dearth and her family on the loss of her cousin.

Jack Brotherton and his family on the loss of his wife, Patricia.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Lost & Found

Are you missing a scarf or coat? We have quite a few things in Lost & Found in the church office & the Mitchell Hall coat room... we may have your stuff!

.. May ..

BIRTHDAYS

05/02: Frank T. Jones, David Mantey
05/03: Phill Mayer
05/04: Lisa Holt, Liam Nilsson
05/05: Donald Martin, Kevin Nietering,
Leslie Meyers
05/07: Janet Leslie
05/08: Nancy DeHamer, Lauren Nilsson,
Anna Behrens
05/09: Ian Higgins
05/11: Emily Carlson, James MacDonald
05/12: Jeremy Hughes
05/15: Edward Mistecki, Wes Pelling
05/16: Linda Ashton
05/17: Bob Jones
05/19: Ted Daykin, Jim Scott
05/20: Virginia Cassidy
05/21: Alicia Laura
05/22: Chris Mayer
05/23: Sandra Evans, Bob Szczechura,
Vic Todor
05/24: Becky Bergren, Nelda Johnson
05/26: Diane Mitchell, David G. Setterlun
05/27: Kathy White
05/28: Paul Bassett Sr.
05/29: Timothy Huth
05/30: Clara Smith
05/31: Amy McCarthy

New Address!

Paul Bassett's new address is...
35832 Jefferson Ave. Apt. #102
Harrison Twp., MI 48045

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

May 5 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik

May 12 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

May 19 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

May 26 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

Newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
600 North Brady Road
Dearborn, MI 48124
(313) 274-1313 / Fax (313) 274-4852
firstpresdearborn.org

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage Paid
Dearborn, MI
Permit 516

Our Vision

Sent with a Prayer

Are you praying for Vision?
Pastor Dave

Pastor Rev. Dr. David Bleivik	Parish Associate Rev. Don Wright	Children's Ministries Director Beckie Dicks	Youth Ministries Director Jonathan Mallard
Young Adult Coordinator Mike Hoffman, CLP	Educational Coordinator Ann Bleivik	Director of Music F. Marshall Dicks, M.M.	Parish Nurse Chris Mayer, R.N.