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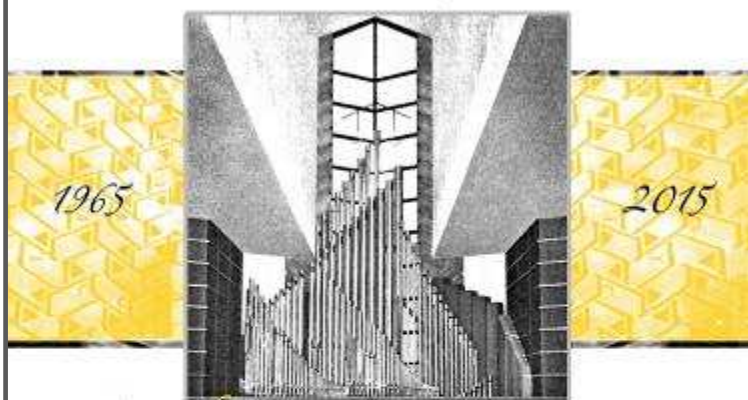
The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

## May 2015 Newsletter



Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

*The Aeolian-Skinner Organ, Op. 1427  
at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn*



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

*with hymns & organ masterworks performed by  
**Dr. James Kibbie & Dr. Tim Huth**  
Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 3:00pm*

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### Special Mothers Day Service

*Led by children & youth*

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

**Mother's Day Reflection**  
*"God made this Mother mine"*

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### Coming Soon!

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 13 - 17



**Conquering Challenges  
with God's Mighty Power**

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## ***Spring... and things to come!***

Spring has sprung - well, flowers haven't realized they have arrived a bit early as the temps drop to below freezing...supposed to be pool time... not hats, gloves, and boots time...alas, patience is called for. That is also true for our PNC as they forge ahead despite a disappointment as a candidate unfortunately found it necessary to withdraw from consideration. Please keep them in your prayers as they had done a masterful job of selecting, but found that the Presbytery did not agree.

Meanwhile, life goes on at FPCD - lots of great events coming up as your newsletter outlines our May activities. We are in the midst of celebrating our 50th year in this facility/sanctuary and the installation of the organ. We have a wonderful opportunity as Dr. James Kibbie and our own Dr. Tim Huth provide a Sunday afternoon organ recital on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. That also is a day for Holy Communion in Worship.

Mother's Day is always special in the life of the church and we look forward to our children and youth providing the leadership in worship - yes, they preach too! It will be a hard act to follow of course. An opportunity to support the Peru Mission entails ordering flowers for spring.

Sunday, May 17th we will have our Confirmands examined by Session at 9:00 a.m. and the ordination and installation of Elders and Deacons at 10:00 a.m. Our officers begin their official duties at the June meetings of the Session and the Board of Deacons.

Memorial Day is always a time of somber remembrance of those who have made our freedom possible. It is also the day the church celebrates it's birthday - Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples 50 days after the day of Resurrection. As Presbyterians we also celebrate our Presbyterian heritage in America.

The last Sunday of the month has been chosen to provide our welcome to the class of Confirmands. They will have an opportunity to share a moment of reflection and then confirm the vows that their parents took for them at their Baptism.

Monday, June 1 - Dorothy and I will celebrate our 62nd Wedding anniversary. Unfortunately the Presbyterians, unlike our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, do not confer Sainthood on long suffering wives - But with her love and support through these 57 years of ministry the Lord has been good and provided. Four children, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren complete the picture. May all those who are married find the joy that we have found supported by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace and Blessings - See you in Church.

~**Pastor Don**

## Children's Ministry

### Internet and Social Media: Stay Safe!

Sunday, May 17 from 11:30 to noon  
Room 12 (*upstairs conference room*)

What are your kids doing online? How can they stay safe? Girl Scout troop 41520 (Catherine, Elizabeth, Leah and Zoe), led by Nancy Setterlun, will be hosting a web safety and social media seminar for parents, grandparents, and other concerned adults. Snacks and childcare will be provided.

### Vacation Bible School:

VBS is right around the corner! The fun happens from July 13 through July 17! Our theme this year is **Mt. Everest**. On our icy expedition we'll learn to overcome obstacles by God's grace and power. Kids will learn rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges.

There are many ways that you can help with VBS:

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

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



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## The Detroit Puppeteers Guild

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### "A Day of Puppetry"

for children ages 5 to 12

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am-2pm

A free event at the Caroline Kennedy Library  
24590 George Street  
Dearborn Hts., MI

Puppet Workshops: 10:15am & 11:15am  
Puppetry Store: 10am-12:45pm  
Puppet Show: 1pm- "The Princess and the Pea"  
Performed by Seth & Elizabeth Shaffer  
Schaffer Handful Puppet Theatre

Must register at the library prior to May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Space is limited.  
313-791-3800



**Great Pedal & Positive organ**



**Swell organ**



*Our Console~ Aeolian-Skinner Organ, Op. 1427*

**Choir organ**



**Swell organ**

## *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert*

*Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 3:00pm*

To the good people of First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

I am grateful and happy to invite you to hear James Kibbie, Chair of the Organ Department of the University of Michigan and myself, your Organist in concert May 03.

This concert showcases this fine instrument, but more importantly our organ is a testament to the faith and vision of those gone before us who helped build this church into what we are today.

Now, as then, our church is part of our contemporary world with all of its opportunities and challenges, and every Sunday for the past 50 years the organ has led the song of this congregation, 'in season and out, in good times and bad', but always to the glory of God, thus empowering us to go forth to serve and share the Good News of salvation.

Our Aeolian Skinner (Op 1427) pipe organ was from the start intended to be exceptional both as a service instrument to lead the song of the people of God and add beauty and variety to the worship service. It was also intended to be a fine concert instrument, capable of playing a variety of literature and able to hold its own with choirs, orchestra and instrument. It was carefully designed and modeled, working with the architect to be integral to our sanctuary and worship service. Marilyn Mason (who played our dedication recital in 1965) one of the world's great concert organists and Chair emerita of the Organ department at U of M has told me often that this is one of her favorite concert instruments, and I must agree. For myself, I've always wanted a concert organ to work with and I have been more than blessed. Beyond this, our organ is a living part of the fabric of this faith community, one thing that we all share as we worship together Sunday after Sunday.

So, I hope to see you at this concert. James Kibbie was one of my teachers at U of M, and Marilyn Mason taught both of us, and so the song rolls on...

Pax et summum bonum (Peace and all good things)

Timothy Huth

Your Organist

## Book of the Every Other Month Club

Our selection for May is Paul Farmer's *To Repair the World* which is a collection of speeches he gave primarily to colleges and universities at commencement exercises. He lives and works in rural Haiti and also teaches at Harvard University.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said, "Paul Farmer is one of the great advocates for the poorest and sickest inhabitants of our planet. His speeches are inspiring to the last, full of wit and humor and animated with moving stories about his efforts with Partners in Health to make our world a little more gentle and caring."

A few years ago the group was inspired by Tracy Kidder's biography of this great man, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*. Come join us as we discuss this journey in his own words. We will be meeting Saturday, May 2nd in the north parlor at 10am. ~ Janet Leslie

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## SOAR ~ Singles Ministry Update

On Saturday March 21, members of the single Christian group SOAR piled into a car along with gift bags we had prepared for the homeless on the streets of Detroit. In January, I tasked the members of our group to bring socks for the project we call *Fresh Soles for Fresh Souls*. The socks started coming in right away. We shared the plan at our regular Tuesday dinners, Sunday brunches, Game Night, and through the online groups Dearborn Area Single Christians and Doing the D.

The plan: reuse a plastic bag that the newspaper comes in and attach an encouraging, uplifting Bible verse, add a pair of fresh socks, an apple, and a granola bar.

A variety of volunteers from FPC and SOAR did the attaching, washed and polished the apples, bought the socks and granola bars, stuffed 57 bags, then hit the streets of Detroit to reach out to those homeless who often slip through the cracks.

Exhilarated by the experience, they look forward to repeating the event.

Six members of SOAR joined FPC for Easter Breakfast and service. Helping people feel welcome is one of the greatest tools we at FPC have to encourage and support others as they grow in their faith. ~ Lynn Campbell



### ***Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE & Educational Coordinator***

#### **Sunday Morning Adult Education classes from 9-9:50am:**

**"God's Not Dead"** - Video and discussion led by Pastor Mike Hoffman in the North Parlor. Do you know what you believe and how to defend it? Come get a firm foundation of Scripture and evidence to stand on, reaching others for Christ.

**Wednesday F.I.S.H. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Scripture, Hope) Adult Education:** We continue our class based on the TV series, "A.D." Be sure to join us on Wednesday evenings in Mitchell Hall for dinner at 6pm (with a suggested donation of \$7 per person), and then stay for class from 6:45-8pm. Come for a short video, great fellowship, and lively discussion on the spread of Christianity after Pentecost.

**Various Days and Times during the Week** – Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies. Call Pastor Mike at church: 313.274.1313. extension 14, home: 313.562.5961, or cell at 313.213.8319.



## Music Corner

We are starting May off with a bang! On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we are celebrating our organ's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a great concert featuring Dr. James Kibbie, Chair of the Organ Department at the University of Michigan, and our own Dr. Timothy Huth. Please come and hear these two fine organists put our great Aeolian Skinner organ through its paces! We will hear music from Bach, Tournemire, Alain and other great composers of organ literature.

50 years ago, in the spring of 1965, Dr. Marilyn Mason, then chair of the organ department at the University of Michigan, played the inaugural recital on this organ. Since then, this organ has remained one of the finest examples of the American Classic organ and remains one of the more important organs in the United States.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending: May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 o'clock in the sanctuary. A reception sponsored by the DNA Committee, Worship and Arts, and the Adult Choir will follow the concert. I hope to see you there!

Then, on May 10<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Mother's Day. This will be a wonderful service, led by our Children and Youth. Both the Children's and Youth Choirs will be singing, and the Handbell choir will be playing. We are always blessed by the contributions of all of our Sunday School classes in leading our worship.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. We look forward to singing about, and hearing about, the Holy Spirit and his activity in our church today. On the 31<sup>st</sup> we will be accepting our Confirmand Class as new members in our church! What a wonderful day that will be! We look forward to hearing from our Confirmands as they share some of their faith statements with us.

Wow! What a blessing to be in a church that is so busy praising God and doing wonderful things!  
See you in church!

~ Marshall

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## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study** - Has your PRAYER become PERFUNCTORY?

The Presbyterian Women will be delving into a new Bible study, entitled "Adventurous Prayer" on Thursday, April 30th. Jane Lewy and Charlie Aronson will be leading a twelve week study in prayer, following the Women of Faith study series. We will be meeting in the North Parlor from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

*"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."*  
- Jeremiah 33:3

Please join us as we search scripture and listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit, telling us how to call to God, how to speak to God, and how to listen to God in prayer that is truly adventurous!

~Charlie Aronson

## **Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE ~ May 2015**

### **Director of Christian Education and Converge Young Adult Ministries**

Prayer. God has given us a way to communicate with him and him with us. This can be verbal as well as non-verbal, in solitude, pairs, small groups, or in mass. In and through our prayers we express our reverence and adoration of God. We bare our souls in confession. We pour out the thanksgiving of our grateful hearts. We close with our supplications that we ask of him. Theologian R.C. Sproul writes, "Prayer is a means God uses to bring His sovereign will to pass."

Prayer has several necessary ingredients. The first is sincerity. We must pray to God in a way that is not empty, insincere, or deceptive. The second component is reverence. We shouldn't speak to God in a flippant or cavalier manner. The final additive is humility. We must remember that we are sinful and he isn't. He invites us to come boldly before him, but never in an arrogant manner.

Theologian R.C. Sproul also tells us that, "Prayer is to be addressed to God alone, either to God as Triune or to the distinct persons of the Godhead." Nationally known reformed theologian John Piper writes, "Pray to God the Father in the power of God the Spirit, in the name or by the authority and the merit of God the Son. That is the Trinitarian structure mainly of prayer in the Bible." In order to have relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are able to speak to each person of the Trinity based on the different activities they assume. R.C. Sproul write that "The father initiates creation and redemption; the Son redeems the creation; and the Holy Spirit regenerates and sanctifies, applying redemption to believers."

The Bible gives us great examples of different types of prayers. Genesis 18:22-33 speaks of **intercession** by Abraham for the city of Sodom. In 1 Kings 3:5-14, Solomon prays for **wisdom**, not for riches or treasures, but for discernment between good and evil. Psalm 22 and later repeated by Jesus on the cross, we experience a prayer of **desperation**, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" requesting God's assistance when all seems hopeless. We also have a prayer of **inquiry** offered up by Saul in Acts 22:10, "What shall I do, Lord?" Finally, there is the often referred to, "perfect prayer" offered up in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. This prayer contains it all: **Adoration** ("hallowed be your name"), **Confession** ("forgive us our debts"), **Thanksgiving** ("give us today our daily bread") in which we are acknowledging God as our sustainer and provider, and **Supplication**, ("we also have forgiven our debtors"). The **A.C.T.S.** acrostic helps us to remember the vital elements of prayer.

Prayer. God has given us a way to communicate with him and him with us. We cannot have a relationship with someone we have never had a conversation with. However you organize your week or day, take time to communicate with God as you fit every other activity around it. For many people, scheduling that time with God first-thing in the morning is a way to prevent it from getting squeezed out due to other activities. As my wife Lynn would say, "The vacuuming can wait, the windows will eventually get washed, the cob-webs can will be there tomorrow, but time spent in relationship is non-negotiable." Spend time in relationship with God *EVERY* day!

God's Peace – **Mike Hoffman**

# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Communion</b> 3 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 3pm 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Concert- Sanct. No Children's, Handbell or Youth Choir 7pm Bible Study- Ben Ebbs	4 5-10pm Dearborn Symphony Scholarship Auditions- Turco Rms 10, 15, 12 7:00-8pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	5 7am-8pm Election Polls- MH 8am Men's Fellowship Noon 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7pm Pottery Library 7-8pm Dearborn- NF (last one till Sept.) 7:30-8:30pm Investment Committee 8:30pm Worship & Arts- GP 7:30-9pm AA- YC	6 10am Secretaries- Curr 11am-4pm Treasure I 12:30pm-12pm ALLI 6-6:45pm FISH (dinn 6:45-8pm Class- NP 7:30pm Adult Choir- G
<b>Mother's Day/Children's Day</b> 10 No Confirmation Class No Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Peru Team Cupcake Sale- Narthex No Children's, Handbell or Youth Choir 7pm Bible Study- Ben Ebbs  <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b>	11 11:00am-9pm Garden Club- MH 12:00-1:00pm Lunch- Sect 6:00pm NAMI- NF 7:00-8pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	12 8am Men's Fellowship Noon 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:00pm Sewing Class 5:30pm Outreach & Mission- GP 7:00pm US Government- NF 7:30-9pm AA- MH	13 10am-4pm Treasure I 6-6:45pm Last FISH 6:45-8pm Class- NP 7:30pm Adult Choir- G
<b>Ordain &amp; Install New Officers</b> 17 9am Session meet with Confirmands 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Personnel Meeting in Pastor's office 11:30am-12pm Girl Scouts Cyber Safety Class- R12 1-9pm B Scout Trail to Eagle- MH, K, YC, YL Chapel, NASP, Lib, R10, 14, 12, 2a&b No Children's, Handbell or Youth Choir 7pm Bible Study- Ben Ebbs	18 7:00-8pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	19 8am Men's Fellowship Noon 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 5:30-6:00pm Friends- EP 6:30pm SESSION/CC 7:30-9pm AA- MH	20 10am Secretaries- Curr 11am-4pm Treasure I 12:30pm-12pm PRO 7:30pm Adult Choir- G
<b>Pentecost</b> 24 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary No Children's, Handbell or Youth Choir 7pm Bible Study- Ben Ebbs	<b>Memorial Day observed</b> 25  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>(DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN)</b>	26 8am Men's Fellowship Noon 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7:30-9pm AA- MH	27 11am-1pm Keenagers Treasure Chest clos 7:30pm Adult Choir- G
<b>Trinity Sunday/Confirmation</b> 31 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary No Children's, Handbell or Youth Choir 7pm Last Bible Study till Sept.- Ben Ebbs			

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 S-Circle- NF assure Cares ALL Staff- SF 4 (dinner) MH 8- NP 10-12am Sand - Turco	7 <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 8am-8:30pm CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10-11:30am FA Bible Study- NP 5-8pm PNC - NP	8 6:00-8pm Game Night- MH 7-9pm Peace Retreaters- Sand	9 10am-12pm BECM Circle- NF 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 1-3pm Prep for cupcake sale- MH 5:00-7:30pm Convergence at Parents Cares
13 assure Cares : FISH till Sept (dinner) MH 8- NP 10-12am Sand - Turco	14 10-11:30am FA Bible Study- NP 11am-12pm G.O.M. Pastor's Office 5-8pm PNC - NP	15 7-9pm Peace Retreaters- Sand	16 8am PM Board Meeting- NP 4:30-5:30pm Saturday Night Alive-YL 5:00-7:30pm Convergence at Parents Cares
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## Parish Nurse

### *Finding Strength in the Lord*

I don't know about you, but I am finding it more and more difficult to find peace and calm in my daily life. It seems as though everywhere I turn, there is violence, negativity and strife. I long to have a sense of calm and safety....Friends, we can experience that, because **Jesus triumphed over the grave!** Our legacy as Believers is a life in "the Kingdom of God"! Before Jesus was killed, he told his disciples that there would be hardships and difficulty in life. But, if we chose to follow Him, he would save us, and help us triumph over the obstacles that come our way. Don't misunderstand. He did not say we would NOT EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY. Rather, **when** hardships come (and Believer's experience them just like everyone else), IF we put our trust and faith in Jesus, He will help us in practical and tangible ways. Instead of a life of chaos and the unknown, we can trust in Him to guide us into all truth. And this is so, because after his death and resurrection, He ascended to the Father, who knows all things. He then sent the Spirit of Jesus to live within us! And why does that even make a difference you might ask? It matters because, in the book of John, Jesus foretold the difference it would make if he left the disciples and returned to heaven. He said, "In that day you will no longer ask **me** anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give **you** whatever you ask in my **Name**. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete...."(John 16:23-24). You see, we don't celebrate Easter because of the "idea" that Jesus was crucified, died and was raised. We celebrate because it **did happen!** And because He triumphed over death, we can live in the assurance that whatever comes our way (or befalls us), the Spirit (of Jesus) will be there to walk beside us, comfort us....and grant us peace. He spoke these words to his disciple's right before his death, and I believe they can comfort us today: "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14: 26-28). Remember: **prayer** is the vehicle of God's presence, and we are told to come boldly before Him and ask for what we need. And when you do, my prayer is that you sense His presence and receive an answer to your need.

Peace be with you!

~ Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



**Love one another even as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**  
(John 13:34, 35) RSV

Here Jesus teaches that churches should be seen by outsiders as gatherings where disciples really love each other and outsiders would be welcomed. Since Christianity is about holy love, and love fulfills the law (*Rom. 13:10*), Jesus invites the world to use this standard of love to identify Jesus' genuine disciples. Hostility within church is awful!

Disciples are to love each other as Jesus loves us. His love is unconditional, by grace, not merit. His love is sacrificial, forgiving wrongs without penalty (*Rom. 12:21*), and generous. Jesus' love is pure, not manipulative. He gave His life for those He loves (you and I, *John 15:13*). As Jesus displayed God's love, disciples are to display Jesus' love. This love also includes our love for God and neighbor (*Matt. 22:37-40*). Francis Schaeffer taught that love is the essential, distinctive mark of a disciple. This love is unconditional and commits to the best interests of others.

How can we love like this? First, we need to be transformed (*John 3:3-7*) with God's help. Then, Colossians 3:1 - 17 teaches what we should do and not do to help us love. Luke 15:11 - 32 provides an excellent example. Outsiders who see real love in action are likely to find the Gospel attractive.

Now faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love (*1 Cor. 13:13; 1 John 3:14*)

~ John Holden



## 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 six children received Easter baskets. Older children received chocolate crosses.

There are many people to thank for the successful offering provided by this ministry. Lori Wyatt did most of the pre-offering tasks. The shopping and basket assembly was done by Lori and Margie Maurer. Very special thanks to Jan Cobb for creating beautiful cards for each family. On the Sundays of the offering committed volunteers helped to transport, sort and pack items collected from the congregation. Volunteers included Nancy De Hamer, Dorinda Hughes, Sue Ingram, Margie and Mike Maurer, Charlene Reid, Jan Witkowski, and Lori Wyatt. Wendy Palmer was helpful during the offering process. We thank everyone involved and appreciate the help.

Thanks to all congregation members who 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. Special thanks to Laurie Gentinne for making a food delivery. Many people within the congregation are responsible for the successful Touch of Hope Offering. Thank you to each of you.

~ Margie Maurer

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

We have a reservation to view the exhibit at the "DIA" on Wednesday, May 27th. A free coach will arrive at the church at 9:30am. We will be treated to coffee/sweets— then view the 1 1/2 hour exhibit. The DIA cost for this event is \$12.00 per person (no charge for DIA members, but your DIA membership number or the \$12.00 fee must be turned in to Mary Ann Bassett by Wed. May 13th).

A coach will return us to the church — lunch will be at a Dearborn restaurant. There is no bus, or parking fee. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. (Please add "DIA Event" in the memo area of your check).

We need 15 seniors to sign up ASAP for this wonderful opportunity. Sign up on the Keenager bulletin board— or contact Mary Ann at 734-697-7938.

Invite a friend...



**Grief Support Group**

**GriefShare (Christian support and encouragement for your grief journey)** will be starting again on **Monday May 4th from 7-9 pm (10 weeks) at Allen Park Presbyterian Church, 7101 Park Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101. Call Norma (313) 330-6261 or Barry (734) 558-5721 to register.** Cost is **\$20** and includes class, workbook and refreshments. Come and allow God and others to comfort your heart as you process the loss of your loved one.

**Noteworthy**

- ✦ Cupcake sale! Homemade cupcakes will be for sale following the service on Mother's Day (May 10) in the Narthex. Only \$6 for a box of four. The profits will be going to this year's Peru team.
- ✦ Graduates! Please send a paragraph about your plans after graduation and a photo to Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE, for our Graduation Booklet and for recognition in worship on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Email info. & photo (jpeg) to [pastormike929@gmail.com](mailto:pastormike929@gmail.com) by Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ The church office could use a volunteer to help in the office the 2nd Monday of each month. Duties include monitoring the phone, proof-reading bulletins, and paper cutting/collating as needed. Please contact Jim Barber at the church office (313) 274-1313 if interested.

## Mother's Day Reflection

[Billy Graham's reflection after his mother's passing]

*On August 14, 1981, Morrow Graham (Billy's mother) quietly left this earth in her sleep and entered Heaven. "When word came," said Billy, "I wept and yet rejoiced at the same time. Of all the people I have ever known, she had the greatest influence on me. I am sure one reason that the Lord has directed and safeguarded me, as well as Ruth and the children, through the years was the prayers of my mother and father.*

*... my mother was a woman of God. She always had devotions with us, she always prayed with us, she always loved us, and did so many things for us..."*



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*... God's Word she shares  
God's light she shines  
So blessed God made this mother mine.*

**Author Unknown**



*Christi Himmelfahrt* by Gebhard Fugel, c. 1893

## Ascension of Jesus

According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the 40 days following his resurrection. On the 40th day, he came again to the Apostles and led them out to the Mount of Olives where he instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

Source: [www.sharefaith.com](http://www.sharefaith.com)

## Memorial Day Reflection

*" 'Darkness enveloped the whole American armada. Not a pinpoint of light showed from those hundreds of ships as they surged on through the night toward their destiny, carrying across the ageless and indifferent sea tens of thousands of young men, fighting for ... for, well, at least each other.' "*

Journalist Ernie Pyle wrote these words in 1944 to describe the beginning of the Normandy invasion [during World War II]. For Americans, these words paint a picture of the fear and confusion surrounding soldiers on the eve of battle... [these words] also impart the sense of determination those young men must have felt. Through his words, Ernie Pyle puts us in touch with our patriotism, our pride and our understanding of who we are and how we came to be a nation....

... As we remember [our] comrades in arms this Memorial Day, we must look to the future as well as the past. In today's world, freedom comes cloaked in uncertainty. America still relies on her sons and daughters to defend her liberty. The cost of independence is high, but we are willing to pay it. We do not pay it gladly, but we pay it with deep reverence and thanks to those who have sacrificed their lives for America. We know that in the years to come, more brave souls will sacrifice their lives for our nation. We include them in our thoughts and prayers today."

Deborah Y. Parker~ Memorial Day Speech 1997  
Public Affairs Office, 279th Base Support Battalion, Unit 27535, Bamberg, Germany



**National World War II Memorial  
Washington D.C.**

## *With Sympathy*

*We offer our sincere condolences to:*

*~ The family and friends of Bud Reid who passed away April 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*~ The family and friends of Ed Beers who passed away April 21<sup>st</sup>.*

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

### NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

Not just to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to an appointment, the store, Sunday service or a church event, your FPC family would like to help. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, Bob Missler at (313)791-0377, or call the church at (313)274-1313. Also, if you are free to occasionally help with driving, we'd like to hear from you too. ~Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator. *Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*



### **Knitters Welcome!**

***Calling all knitters and those who want to learn:***

The knitting group will meet **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Bring whatever project you are working on, or come and learn some basic stitches. Hope to see you! ~Lynn Hoffman



### **BIRTHDAYS**

05/02: Frank T. Jones, David Mantey  
05/03: Phill Mayer  
05/04: Lisa Holt, Liam Nilsson  
05/05: Donald Martin  
05/07: Janet Leslie  
05/08: Nancy DeHamer, Lauren Nilsson, Anna Behrens  
05/09: Ian Higgins  
05/11: Emily Carlson  
05/12: Jeremy Hughes  
05/14: Craig Wolter  
05/15: Wes Pelling  
05/16: Linda Ashton  
05/19: Ted Daykin, Jim Scott  
05/21: Alicia Laura  
05/22: Chris Mayer  
05/23: Sandra Evans, Vic Todor  
05/24: Nelda Johnson  
05/26: Diane Mitchell, David G. Setterlun  
05/27: Kathy White  
05/28: Paul Bassett Sr.  
05/29: Timothy Huth, Renee Watson  
05/30: Clara Smith

### **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**

**May 3 / - Communion, *What is the moral atmosphere?* - Rev. Don Wright**

**May 10 / - MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION - children & youth**

**May 17 / - *Live the Dream.* - Rev. Don Wright**

**May 24 / - *To Life!* - Rev. Don Wright**

**May 31 / - *Is the Lord among us?* - Rev. Don Wright**

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## Our Vision

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## Sent with a Prayer

**Are you praying for a Vision?**  
Pastor Don

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