



# Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
May 2016 Newsletter



Enjoy Spring!

**GrouPeru**  
**Cupcake Sale!**  
In Narthex  
after  
Morning Worship  
Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

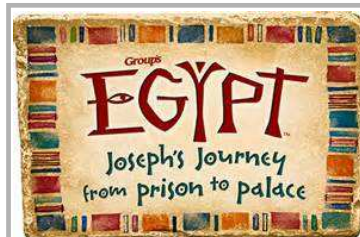


Wednesdays  
6:45pm

**Inttallation & Celebration!**  
for  
**Reverend Chris Thomas**



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**Vacation Bible School**  
July 11-15 ~ 9:30am to Noon

*Join the adventure as  
Joseph journeys from  
prison to palace.*

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**Memorial Day  
Reflection**

Remembering those  
who made the ultimate sacrifice  
for our nation

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## The Work of the People

What do you think of when you think of the word “worship”? Does a Church building come to mind? Does music come to mind? Does a preacher standing in a robe and preaching come to mind? Whatever it is that we have learned to associate with worship the truth is worship is harder to define than those things. The Merriam Webster dictionary defines worship as “the act of showing respect and love for a god especially by praying with other people who believe in the same god”. Their definition captures something found in a term often used in association with the ritual for worship, “liturgy”. In its original form from ancient Greece the term liturgy meant “the work of the people”. I believe this is what true worship is. It is found in the action of the people stirred up from their hearts in faith. Worship is not something we attend or something that is done for us but rather something we come together as the people of God to do together. Worship should be the natural wellspring from any community’s life of faith and naturally express that community’s heart for God.

We are in the process of making some changes to our worship service. Our hope is to make the service something that naturally stirs us up to worship together on Sunday mornings. To do this we need your help. Please be free to let us know what works and doesn’t work for you in our worship. If you really liked something or something really distracted you from worshipping God, then please share it with a member of the worship staff or worship and arts team. I cannot promise that your individual concern will result in a change in the service but as we look at the service monthly our goal will be to make adjustments so it will aid our community’s expression of worship for the most people so your thoughts matter.

Love in Christ,  
Rev. Chris Thomas

## Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School is coming! Mark it on your calendar! Plan to join us from July 11 to 15 for music, games, crafts, Bible stories and more. Volunteer and participant sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex. We are currently seeking a snack coordinator. If you would like to be a part of the planning team for this exciting ministry, please talk to Beckie Dicks.



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

Our Wednesday night FISH kids' class continues! This year, we're concluding our Narnia Series with the final book in the series, *The Last Battle*. All ages are welcome - come for a great story, discussion, crafts and more.

See you in church!

~ Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Coordinator



*A sincere 'Thank You!' to all who have so graciously volunteered to help us at the Volunteer Desk in the church front office. Your help with the phone and other administrative details is very helpful in allowing us to tend to the work of our church.*

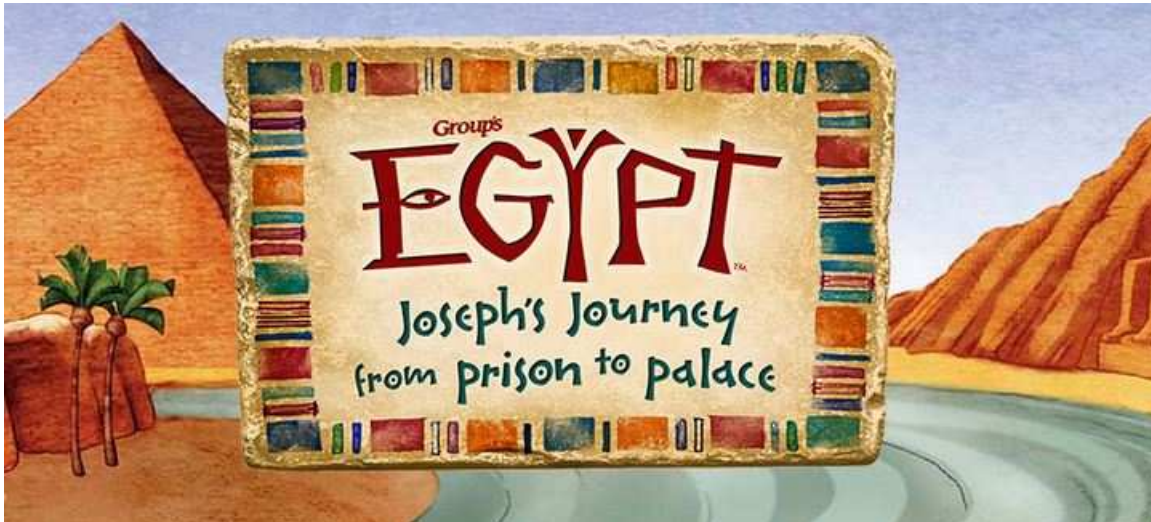
*Thanks again!!  
The Church Staff*

## Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group

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



## Vacation Bible School ~ July 11-15



Join Joseph on his adventure from prison to palace. Travel to ancient Egypt where you will meet Bible heroes, visit the Egyptian marketplace, learn hieroglyphics and more! Through Joseph's challenges, we learn that that God gives us hope, special abilities, wisdom, forgiveness, and a family we can depend on.

***Come join the adventure!!***



*A special thanks to Nancy DeHamer for preparing Nancy Setter-lun's retirement luncheon, and to Dave Young for preparing our Easter Sunday Brunch.*

*Very Delicious!!*

## Touch of Hope Easter Offering

The Easter Touch of Hope Offering provided Kroger gift cards and needed non-perishable items to fourteen families this year. All 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. Very special thanks to Jan Cobb for creating beautiful cards for each family. On the Sunday 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, Ann 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 grateful.

The sponsors who work with families on a regular basis are to be commended for their time and effort. The sponsors delivered the Easter items to their Touch of Hope families with blessings. Special thanks to Sheri 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

### *With Sympathy*



*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following  
who have recently lost loved ones:*

*~ Therese Martin who recently lost her mother, Blossom Martel.*

*~ David Slanec who recently lost his brother, Kenneth.*

*~ Family & friends of Bob Kuhlman who passed recently.*

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

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### Lamkin Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**Thursday's 10-11:30am in the North Parlor. In March and throughout the summer,** join us as we follow Beth Moore's DVD entitled, "Breath: Examine the Work of the Holy Spirit in Your Life." Charlie Aronson and Jane Lewy-Mykytenko will continue to lead our discussions.



## Music Corner

Welcome to spring! Now that Easter is over we are well into our Eastertide journey to Pentecost! We have some wonderful upcoming events we hope you can be a part of.

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting a concert by the Cantata Academy Chorale. This is a great local choir that is very excited to be able to sing in our Sanctuary. The concert is entitled "Spring Reflections" and will begin at 3:00pm. If you love great choral music, don't miss this opportunity to hear an outstanding ensemble perform!

Now is a great time to join our choirs! The children, youth and handbell choirs will begin working on music for Mother's Day! Mother's Day is a service where the youth and children provide almost all the elements of the service, including the music. It's also a great time to join the adult choir. We are not working towards a concert or special holiday, so the rehearsals are a little more relaxed. We'll be looking at music through Pentecost and Father's Day, when we'll begin our summer break.

- Children's Choir is open to all in grades 2-5 and meets on Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm.
- Handbell Choir is open to all in grades 2-12 and meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm.
- Youth Choir is open to all in grades 6-12 and meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm.
- Adult Choir is open to all in High School and above (High Schoolers must also sing in the Youth Choir to be eligible). Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

We'd love to have you come join us!

In Christ, ~Marshall

### ***Noteworthy***

- ✦ Treasure Chest is open Wednesday's 10am to 4pm. We have great bargains!!
- ✦ Physical & Spiritual Fitness class meets in the Youth Center Tuesday's at 10:00am.
- ✦ Rollie Mniece is now at the Imperial Health Care Center at 26505 Powers, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125. Room 438. Please send all communications through Jane Mykytenko.

## Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE

Young Adult & Adult CE Director and Youth Groups Leader



I recently received a wonderful gift from a member of Converge who is my Monday-Friday morning running buddy. He bought me a Fitbit, an electronic device that is worn like a watch and tells you the daily time, steps taken, heart rate, stairs climbed and calories burned. It is an awesome device that challenges you to do move more each day and rewards you with a vibrating “celebration” when you top 10,000 steps per day.

The Holy Spirit is much like a Fitbit. Think about the illustration that Paul gives in 2 Corinthians 9:3-15. He reminded the Corinthians to fulfill the commitment that they had promised to financially support the church in Jerusalem. He was holding them to keep their promise so that neither Paul nor the Corinthians would be embarrassed. Paul knew that some would be hesitant because they may worry if they would have enough money left to survive on. Paul assured the Corinthians that God was able to meet their needs.

Paul reminded them that their attitude when they gave was more important than the amount they gave. He used the illustration of seed to explain how the resources that God gives us are not to be hidden, foolishly devoured, or thrown away. Instead, they should be cultivated in order to produce more crops. When we invest the resources that God has given us to bless others, we will take part in the celebration of their love and prayers.

If you are thinking of giving to a specific ministry of the church, this illustration from Paul has a huge implication for you. Pick a specific amount that you would normally spend on something weekly such as a dinner out, a movie with popcorn and soda, or desserts that you may purchase at the bakery a couple of times per week for you and your family or friends.

Imagine what would happen if all of us took that money we saved and invested it in ministries of the church that serve those in need. Here is a tool to help you remember. Cut a picture out of a magazine that you can place on a bulletin board or refrigerator. Make it specific to the ministry you wish to bless, and every time you see it put a certain amount in an envelope that you will earmark to give this week. Be sure to make a check out with the ministry marked clearly in the memo section, and in a plain envelope with the ministry printed on the side, to be placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Better yet, make it easy and have it deducted from your account each month (Jim Barber in the main office can help you with the details).

Feel that “vibration” provided by the Holy Spirit when you celebrate your giving? Trust me, both you and those who are on the receiving end of your giving will be spiritually rewarded!



# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Communion</b> 1 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>3pm Cantata Academy Chorale Concert- Sanctuary (Narthex)</b> 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	2 9am Staff Prayer Meeting- SP 10am Card Ministry- R14  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	3 9am Men's Fellowship Work <b>9:30am-12pm Garden Club Board- NP</b> <b>10am Staff Meeting- SP</b> 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 11:30am-2pm Pastor's Learning Community- SP 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7-8pm Deacons (last one till Sept)- NP <b>7:30-8:30pm Endowment Committee</b> 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	4 10am Stephens-Curr 10am-4pm Treasure Chest <b>6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)</b> <b>7:15-8pm Adult and Youth Choir</b> <b>6:45-8:30pm Grief Support</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- S
<b>Mother's Day/Children's Day</b> 8 <b>Baptism of Pierce Ahlschwede</b> <b>No Education Hour</b> 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> - After Worship: Peru Cupcake Sale- Narthex - After Worship: Personnel Mtg- Library <b>11:45am Pastor's Brunch (BY SIGN UP ONLY) - NP</b> 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	9 9am Staff Prayer Meeting- SP 11am-2pm Garden Club (last one till September)- MH <b>5:30-10pm Dearborn Symphony Scholarship Auditions- Turco Room, Rooms 16, 15, and 12</b> 6:30pm NAMI- NP  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	10 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7:30-9pm AA- MH  <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b>	11 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 5:15pm Outreach & Prayer <b>6-6:45pm Last FISH</b> <b>7:15-8pm Adult and Youth Choir</b> <b>6:45-8:30pm Grief Support</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- S
<b>Pentecost</b> 15 <b>Ordination/Installation of Church Officers</b> <b>Flower Flat Orders delivered</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A <b>No Children's, Handbell, or Youth Choir</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	16 Staff Prayer Meeting- SP  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	17 9am Men's Fellowship Work <b>10am Staff Meeting- SP</b> 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP <b>6:30pm SESSION/CC -NP</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH	18 10am Stephens-Curr 10am-4pm Treasure Chest <b>6:45-8:30pm Grief Support</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- S
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 22 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>1-9pm Boy Scout Trail to Eagle - MH, K, N&amp;SP, YL &amp; YC, Chapel, Lib., Rooms 2a&amp;b, 12, 14 &amp; 16</b> 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- offsite <b>No Children's, Handbell, or Youth Choir</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	23 9am Staff Prayer Meeting- SP 6:30pm NAMI- NP  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	24 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7:30-9pm AA- MH	25 11am-1pm Keenage <b>Treasure Chest closed</b> <b>6:45-8:30pm Grief Support</b> 7-9pm Adult Choir- S
29 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11:45am Pastor's Brunch (BY SIGN UP ONLY) - NP</b> <b>No Youth Groups</b> <b>No Children's, Handbell, or Youth Choir</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's (last one till Sept.)	<b>Memorial Day observed</b> 30  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	31	



# July 2016

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>15-Currie- NP Treasure Chest H (dinner) MH Alt and Kids' Classes GriefShare- YL Choir- Sanct., Turco</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Ascension of our Lord National Day of Prayer</b> 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH 10am-12pm Girl Scouts- R14 1-3pm Peru team/cupcake frosting- MH 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares</p> <p>Memorial for Kenneth Slanec Visitation @10:30am, Service @ 11am in the Chapel.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Treasure Chest Arch &amp; Missions- SP at FISH till Sept. (dinner) MH Alt and Kids' Classes GriefShare- YL Choir- Sanct., Turco</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30-10pm Game Night- MH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares</p> <p>11:30am-2:30pm Carlson Bridal Shower Mitchell Hall (K)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>15-Currie- NP Treasure Chest GriefShare- YL Choir- Sanct., Turco</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am PW Board- NP 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Teenagers- MH (K) 1st closed GriefShare- YL Choir- Sanct., Turco</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 4-9:30pm Boy Scout Council Leadership Mtg. - MH, K, SP, Lib, YC, YL, 2a&amp;b, 12, 14, 16 7-9pm Knitting Grp.- NP</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares</p>

## A Burdened Heart

By Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

In my frequent travels to visit those within our congregation and those who approach me from the community, I have been made acutely aware of the increasingly prevalent condition of lack of support and even social isolation for many in our communities. The startling fact is that sometimes it's those who are right in our midst (i.e. church members or neighbors), and we don't even recognize it! In some situations, it's due to the fact that people are unaware of the need, and therefore cannot help with what they do not know. In other situations, the cause is from not paying attention and being "other-people" focused. Life seems to be getting increasingly more complex, and by default, more stressful. There are several reasons for this increase in stress. One, many of us are overworked and feeling greater pressure due to the heightened expectations of others, related to increased productivity through technology advancements. "Since you **can** do things with greater speed and accuracy, then, they reason, you **ought** to be able to do more in the same amount of time". The problem is, they have not taken into account that we are "human beings" and not computers ourselves, and we have limits as to how many emails we can process in a day, the number of meetings we can attend (because now we can telecommute), and how many relationships we can keep up with via Facebook and texting. The research is showing that we are "wearing ourselves out" (physiologically and emotionally), and therefore have less time and energy to give some of the most important aspects of our lives. Some examples are, investing (in person) in close relationships inside and outside our immediate family, volunteering outside of the home in order to make other people's lives and society better, and keeping ourselves healthier and happier through making home-cooked meals together and engaging in pleasurable activities out in nature.

I believe that slowly, over time, society as a whole has become more self-focused and pleasure-centered. And I am surmising that it is because we are tired and have reached our "capacity to give" to others, and feel the need to retreat and build up our reserves. This is normal and needed. However, I am concerned that some of our strategies, or the amount of time that we are choosing to "refuel", may be out of balance or not as "life-giving" as we need them to be. As Believer's, Jesus has asked us to be "other-people" focused, so that we can bring the good news of His Kingdom to the world. In doing so, we will find **joy** in serving others less fortunate or those in need of our attention. So, if by taking a quick check of your life, you realize that you have lacked energy or an awareness of the needs of others, I pray that God would renew your strength, fill your life with energy, and grant you a desire to invest more toward those who need additional support. And, may the joy of the Lord fill your heart to overflowing, so that you might represent Him well!

~ Blessings, Chris

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to Sue and Dave Young for hosting the latest Diaper Ministry fundraising dinner and to everyone who attended and/or generously donated diapers and money to our cause.



On Sunday, April 10, we delivered approximately 1,000 diapers to the Metropolitan United Methodist Church on Woodward in Detroit. The church, in conjunction with several members of the 7 Action News team and local businesses, was holding a baby shower to help homeless babies. Diapers are also being delivered to First Step and the Area Agency on Aging. We are grateful that with the support of many in our church family, we can help make a difference in our community.

If you are interested in knowing more about our ministry, please ask Tracie or myself and we will gladly share with you our passion for spreading God's love through diapers!

Thank you,  
Charlene Reid and Tracie Szczechura  
FPC Diaper Ministry



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### **For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.** **(Luke 19:10, NRSV)**

Jesus was passing through Jericho, a wealthy town where tax collecting was profitable. Zacchaeus, the tax collector, was wealthy, disliked, and probably lonely. To see Jesus, he ran ahead, and being short, climbed a tree. When Jesus saw Zacchaeus, He told him to come down because He wanted to stay at Zacchaeus' house. Zacchaeus happily welcomed Jesus. Those who saw this were critical of Jesus' accepting Zacchaeus.

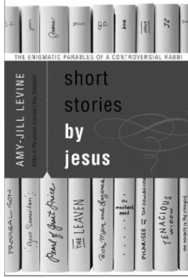
Zacchaeus promised Jesus that he would give half of his possessions to the poor and with the rest, pay back fourfold anyone he had defrauded. Jesus responded, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham." Zacchaeus was saved not by his restitution but by his changed heart which came to faith and caused his repentance, restitution, and pursuit of Jesus. Jesus explained, "For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost." The lost are not condemned, but they are in the wrong place, having wandered away from God; Jesus is gathering them. A testimony is worthless if it is not backed up by faith that changes action (*Gal. 5:4*). Zacchaeus confirmed his conversion with action, doing even more than the law required.

One of the lost (Zacchaeus) desperately saw himself clearly, repented, and sought Christ; other lost souls did not see themselves clearly, and in their blindness, they criticized Jesus for accepting this lost soul.

Apart from Christ, we are all lost. But regardless of our sin, if we are willing to see ourselves clearly, repent, and respond to Him, He will welcome us into His flock.

Thank God for His love for the lost (*2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:5 - 10*),

~ John Holden



## Book of the Every Other Month Club

**Next Meeting: Sat, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our book to be discussed: **"short stories by Jesus"** by Amy-Jill Levine

"Amy-Jill Levine offers new translations of the parables, recovering the sense of provocation and challenge they would have presented to their first-century audiences. The Jesus we see here came up with inventive ways to challenge his listeners, and didn't allow them easy answers or room for self-congratulation." (Boston Globe)

***Come join our discussion of this New York Times Bestseller!***



*To my church family and friends,*

*Thank you for the lovely silver clock I received as a retirement gift. I think of my church family whenever I look at it. Also, thank you for giving me such a beautiful reception. It was a perfect send off! See you all in church!*

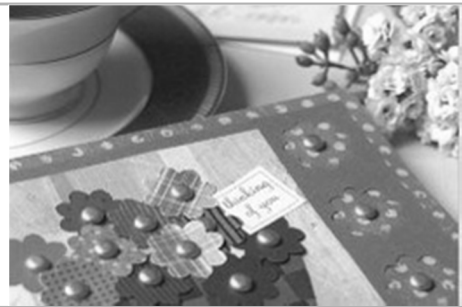
*Blessings to all—  
Nancy Setterlun*

## DEACON CARD MINISTRY INTERESTED?

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

***All are welcome!***

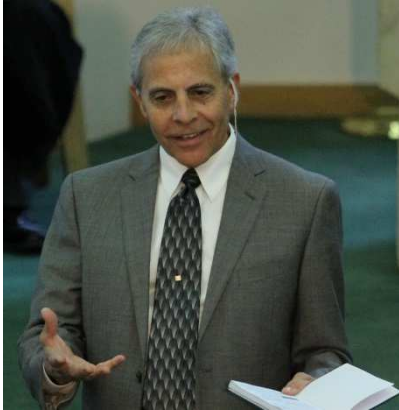
*For further information, please contact  
Nancy Barber, (313) 565-2741*



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

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

## **Intstallation & Celebration!**



**“A Disciple Jesus Loves”**



**“Welcome”  
&  
“Ministry of the Church”**



**A call to service**



**Fellowship with the Family of Faith**

## Organ Recital

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 2pm

### *Springtime Blossoms*

Organ Recital

with

Aaron Tan & Dr. Timothy Huth

*Featuring orchestral transcriptions for organ  
as well as works for the symphonic organ.*

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*Details Forthcoming*



## Our Forgotten Honor: A Memorial Day Reflection

by Tim Willard

I remember not liking him at first. I was an eighteen year-old know-it-all with a weak jump shot; he was a six-foot-something, glasses-wearing dad who outplayed everyone in the church gym that Monday night. I don't remember much of the game, but he stuck in my brain. He never seemed to tire, and never quit smiling.

Afterwards, my father told me the wiry man was a doctor and Army reservist named Mark Connelly. I was surprised that he was a physician, but more surprised that he felt compelled to serve our country by caring for the wounded.

After that night, I never saw Dr. Connelly again.

Weeks later, my mother called to tell me that Dr. Connelly was killed in action during the Gulf War. He had just called home to talk to his family and was on his way back to base when disaster struck. His wife and two children survive him.

His memorial service was one of the most powerful I've attended. The community dearly loved him and our church congregation seemed to heave from the loss. Pastor and Army Colonel Jerry Young led the service, charged with remembering and burying a husband, father, professional and brother-in-arms. I have never forgotten the tears that fell that day...

Dr. Mark Connelly's commitment to the good of others in a time of war makes me shudder. His memory shames me for all the times I withhold honor from those who deserve it. I wonder if this Memorial Day we can find the space in our picnics and parties and hipster theology to observe a moment of silence for the Mark Connelly's of the world. Let us raise our glasses and in thankful chorus toast the lives of those made our day-off so special.

Source: <http://qideas.org>

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

We will try to accommodate members who need a ride to a medical appointment or Sunday Service. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, or call the church at (313)274-1313. Also, if you are free to occasionally help with driving, we'd like to hear from you too.

~Nancy Barber, Deacon Moderator.

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

*Need a  
Ride?*



### FPC Knitters

Looking for a reason to join the FPC Knitters?

Consider the health benefits you will reap. Recent studies show knitting lowers your blood pressure and heart rate, reduces harmful cortisol levels, and helps stave off memory loss. So plan on joining us May 26 at 7pm to get knitting and get healthy. Everyone is welcome whether you already have a project on your needles or are interested in learning to knit.

~Lynn Hoffman



### May Birthdays

05/02: Frank T. Jones  
05/03: Phill Mayer  
05/04: Lisa Holt, Liam Nilsson  
05/05: Donald Martin  
05/07: Janet Leslie  
05/08: Nancy DeHamer, Lauren Nilsson,  
05/09: Ian Higgins  
05/12: Jeremy Hughes  
05/14: Craig Wolter  
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. Nancy Barber - Deacon Moderator

### Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

**May 1 / - Communion, *Out of Eden: The Lord Called to Man*- Rev. Chris Thomas**  
**May 8 / - MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION- children and youth**  
**May 15 / - "*The Fix Is In: A New Identity*" - Rev. Chris Thomas**  
**May 22 / - "*The Fix Is In: Debts Paid In Full*" - Rev. Chris Thomas**  
**May 29 / - "*The Fix Is In: New Relationships*" - Rev. Chris Thomas**



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